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She's a hero!

Wilberforce teacher saves student from choking

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Sabine Murray says she isn't a hero but there's a nine-year-old girl in her Grade 4 class at Wilberforce Elementary School who disagrees.

Kristine Godfrey credits "Mrs. Murray" with saving her life during a choking incident in social studies class on the first full day of spring, March 21.

Things were hectic enough that afternoon, with a snow-storm whipping things up outside and the students restless inside. Like the other kids in Mrs. Murray's portable, Kristine was doing her social studies work but she was also doing something she shouldn't have: she was the proud owner of a big ol' jawbreaker and she was surreptitiously licking it when Mrs. Murray wasn't looking.

For those who don't know, eating candy is a definite no-no in class.

So when Mrs. Murray, who was helping somebody in the back of the class, started moving towards Kristine's table, her friend whispered, "The teacher's coming! Quick! Stick it in your mouth!"

Panicked, Kristine did just that. Only she sucked it in too fast and the jawbreaker went down her windpipe.

Things moved fast at that point.

Kristine realized she couldn't breathe so she grabbed her own

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Easter bunny comes to Haliburton

Not only were the patrons of Saturday's maple syrup festival at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce treated to some delicious pancakes smothered in the sweet spring treat, but the Easter Bunny also paid a visit, thanks to the help of Jody Rupnow. With a basket filled with chocolate eggs, the bunny made sure no one, young or old, went without an Easter treat.

Chamber of Commerce tries to dig itself out of financial hole

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce acted too much like the winner of a lottery when it received a huge infusion of cash from the county and province, the Chamber's president told county councillors on Wednesday.

"In retrospect," Diana Ferguson said, "we received too much money, too quickly, and like many lottery winners, we were not prepared to cope with apparent financial freedom."

As a result, the Chamber spent money it didn't have, incurred ongoing costs that need to be sustained with fresh funding and now finds itself having to close one of its two offices and lay off a worker.

It also has no immediate plans to hire a manager to replace Peter Rigby, whose contract with the Chamber was not renewed in January.

Ferguson says the Chamber's new board recognizes the problems of the past and has come up with a plan to address them. This plan includes checks and balances to ensure it doesn't dig itself back into the same predicament.

To do this, however, it needs \$150,000 from the county.

Knowing that the county would be reticent to support the Chamber's request given its past stewardship of funds, Ferguson and her vice-chairman, Jim Henwood, came to council with a detailed business

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news and events worth noting

Bradley chosen as Athlete of Year

In last week's Echo, we told you about Mike Bradley, an HHSS grad who's recently been signed on by the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos. His parents, Jim and Janet Bradley of Koshlong Lake, were recently at Mike's alma mater, the University of Waterloo, to watch their son being honoured as the university's athlete of the year. This means Mike is also being inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations go out to Mike, along with best wishes for a successful professional football career.

Do the birds and animals know something that the weatherman doesn't? Even though it seems to have snowed every day since spring, there have been numerous sightings of Canada geese and herons.

The public invited to listen to nine presentations relating to environmental/social design for the pro-

posed new Haliburton campus. These presentations by Sir Sandford Fleming College eco-tourism students will be innovative, practical and sensitive. Please come out for one or all nine of the presentations. See what the students would like to have incorporated into our new campus construction. The presentations are at the Haliburton Campus, on Tuesday April 16 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For more information call: Gail Woodard 705-457-1680. Refreshments will be available.

Oops! We wrongly identified the enthusiastic chess player whose picture appeared on the front page of last week's paper. That's Daniel Wright, a Grade 5 student, who was having such a fun time at the county-wide chess tournament in Gooderham.

The new Haliburton office of the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 8 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. The office is on the top floor of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre. Come and meet the staff and see the office. Call Janet Bottum at 457-8335 if you have any questions.

Province seeks input on new forest fire policy

Balancing protection of the public and natural resources with the ecological role of forest fires is the key behind the province's draft Forest Fire Management Strategy which has been posted for public review, says the Natural Resources Minister.

"We're updating our approach to fire management and focusing on our priorities: natural resource management, public safety, emergency response and advancing understanding of the ecological role of fire," says John Snobelen. "This draft strategy confirms Ontario as a world leader in forest fire management."

The strategy balances the protection of people with the positive effects of fire as a management tool. This means the fire program will move aggressively in suppressing fire in some circumstances, but will manage or use fire in other situations to achieve ecological objectives.

The draft strategy is posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry Web site at www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/er/registry.htm and is accessible by entering the EBR registry number PB00E7001. The draft strategy will be available for review until April 12. A forest fire strategy will be finalized and in place for the 2003 fire season.

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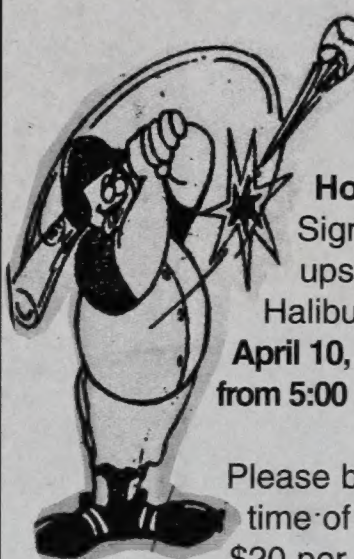


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Striking against OPSEU strike:

*Unemployed woman says provincial
workers are lucky to have a job*

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

If it was attention Pam Casey wanted, it was attention she got.

On a sunny Wednesday around noon last week, passersby on Haliburton's main street, restaurant patrons and shoppers turned to stare at a young woman marching purposefully up and down the sidewalk, carrying a day-glo sign and walking a dog.

"It must be some kind of strike," a man whispered to his lunch companion.

Indeed, it was some kind of strike. But more like an anti-strike. Pam Casey and her dog, Poppy, were conducting a one-woman, one-dog protest against the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

"I'll trade your current wages for my U.I. cheque," Casey had written on one side of her sign. The other side read, "OPSEU get back to work. At least you have a job."

Like many people in the Highlands, Casey is a seasonal worker who works as a cook in resorts in the summer and spends the winter unemployed. She would love a full-time, relatively well-paying job like the OPSEU members have who work in government offices like the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden, the MNR Fire Management Centre in Haliburton or the Ministry of

Transportation, the probation office or the Registry office.

"It really irks my chain when you see people in the winter with jobs walk out on those jobs," Casey told The Echo.

This peeved her off so much she decided to launch her own protest.

She says it's not something she usually does. "Not really," she said. "Usually I'm all talk. I just decided, it's silly [that OPSEU is on strike] ... I think a lot of what I'm doing is because of all the strikes [and labour unrest] there has been lately. The teachers and the nurses. To me, they shouldn't be striking. It's not right."

Casey thinks they should be happy just to have full-time jobs in a seasonal economy like Haliburton's.

"I understand equal pay for equal work but with the unemployment rates the way they are, they should just be grateful they're working in the first place," she said.

So she drew up a sign, put Poppy's leash on ("she likes to walk") and spent part of the afternoon in Haliburton. "I think I'm going to go to Minden after this," she said.

Casey figures she'll continue her protest as long as the OPSEU strike lasts. But she says she will only walk the streets when the sun is shining.

"I'm going to be like the regular strikers," she said with a grin. "I'm going to strike in good weather."



CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo

Pam Casey and her dog, Poppy, drew stares in downtown Haliburton March 27 as they took to the street to protest the ongoing OPSEU strike.

Hatchery worried about strike's impact

JERRY GROZELLE

Special to The Echo

With 10,000 Haliburton-strain lake trout and 30,000 speckled trout resident at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Hatchery, there is some concern about what will happen if the current OPSEU strike continues much past the end of April. The usual time for stocking the fish is the end of April or the first week of May and if the strike continues, the MNR helicopters are not expected to be available to stock the lakes that are not accessible by truck.

"We're working on a contingency plan right now," said Ministry of Natural Resources Area Supervisor Bill Hutson, of the Minden office. "It will happen (the stocking) one way or another."

Hutson said hatchery managers and management staff from other parts of the province will be recruited to assist with the transfer of fish from the HHOA hatchery facility to lakes and streams in the area.

"We will need somebody with extensive knowledge of stocking and a lot of volunteers to get them out," Hutson said.

The volunteer help, in this case, won't be a problem. The HHOA Hatchery already has an extensive network of vol-

unteers who have helped with the rearing and stocking of fish from this facility for the past several years. HHOA vice-president John Ball is in charge of the operation of the hatchery. He said keeping the fish at the hatchery more than a week or two past the usual stocking time is not something he considers a viable option. "That would be pushing it."

The speckled trout are kept in ponds outside the hatchery and he is concerned that the water temperature in the pond could be a problem, especially if we experience some unseasonably mild weather before the fish can be stocked.

He is not concerned about the availability of volunteers to help get the fish stocked. "We can do whatever the MNR wants us to do," he said. "We will have everything ready."

His only concern is that some of the lakes that may be designated for speckled trout may not be accessible by truck, especially at this time of year, when roads or trails are too soft to support vehicular traffic. In a worst-case scenario, alternate bodies of water may have to be chosen to receive the fish.

Ball also pointed out that if the strike continues and the fish have to be stocked later than usual, it could be into the fire season and helicopters may be needed to

fight fires and therefore be unavailable for stocking, even if the strike ends just after the normal stocking time of late April or early May. During the stocking process, the ministry usually brings thousands of rainbow trout and splake to the Highlands by truck from the MNR hatchery in North Bay. Many of those fish are also stocked by helicopter. However, if the strike issues remain unresolved, it could be difficult to find enough MNR management personnel to deliver those fish.

Ball noted that the HHOA Hatchery has 40,000 fish to worry about while the ministry operated hatcheries have millions of fish to be stocked.

The Haliburton strain of lake trout will be stocked without the need of helicopters. They are destined for Miskwabi, Esson and Koshlong Lakes, all of which are accessible by truck. Ball said they are scheduled to be stocked in late April.

Ball is hoping the government will "get 'em back to work" sooner, rather than later. He suggests people contact their MPP with encouragement to come up with an agreement that will get the striking workers back on the job.

A meeting has been scheduled at the hatchery tomorrow (April 2) to work out details of the contingency plan.

*People encouraged
to phone MNR
about infringements*

In spite of the current OPSEU strike which has most of the personnel from the Ministry of Natural Resources off work, those who may be inclined to take advantage of the situation by breaking the Fish and Wildlife laws would be well advised to reconsider the risks.

MNR Enforcement Supervisor for the area Dan Smith said a contingency plan is in place to deal with what he calls "serious violations."

The Minden office still has two managers on duty who field calls. During non-business hours, an answering service takes messages, which are regularly checked.

"I can't guarantee an immediate response," Smith said. "Each call will be evaluated on a case by case basis."

He's confident that people will not see the strike as an opportunity to break the fish and wildlife laws.

Anyone who observes a fish and wildlife law violation should contact the MNR government office in Minden at 286-1521 and leave a message in the appropriate voice mail box.

Lucky Wilberforce girl says she'll never eat another jawbreaker again

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throat to "try and squeeze the jawbreaker up." It didn't work.

Quick-thinking Megan McCrea, another girl sitting at Kristine's table, jumped out of her chair and grabbed Mrs. Murray's attention. "Mrs. Murray! Mrs. Murray! Kristine's choking," she cried.

Mrs. Murray turned and saw Kristine's scarlet face, saw her hands around her throat (the international distress signal for choking, by the way) and realized she had to do something. Fast.

"I just looked at her and her face was so red and I knew I just had to get it out of there ... I couldn't see the jawbreaker so I didn't know how far back it was," Mrs. Murray recalls. "I bent her over a bit and stuck my finger down her throat to see if I could scoop it out. That triggered the gag reflex, I guess. She threw up and it flew out."

It was a terrifying moment.

"It was scary," Kristine agrees. "I thought I was going to die right there in class. It was so embarrassing."

Not surprisingly, Kristine says "everyone [in the class] was freaking out."

Mrs. Murray was thrilled that Kristine could breathe again. "I was just so happy the jawbreaker came out that I couldn't stop

hugging her." She doesn't even want to think about what would have happened if it didn't come out so easily.

Mrs. Murray has had first aid training but hasn't had it updated for a while. "I certainly am now," she says.

Once she realized Kristine was OK, she called for help to clean up the mess and tried to calm everyone in the classroom down. Then she called Kristine's parents, Shelley and Terry Godfrey of Wilberforce, and Shelley came over to collect – and hug – her daughter.

Kristine says her father was pretty cool about the whole thing but her mom was more emotional. "My dad wasn't too excited – he doesn't like to show it. He's tough," she says. "But my mom kept hugging me and hugging me."

"That's what moms do," Mrs. Murray says, sitting across from Kristine at the very table where it all went down.

Kristine says "it hurt to swallow" for a while after the incident and she has sworn off jawbreakers forever and ever. She said she hadn't even had any candy at all since she choked – but this interview was done before Easter, so she may (or may not) have broken down by then.

Mrs. Murray, who has kids of her own, thinks jawbreakers are

"dangerous" and shouldn't be sold to kids. For that matter, she has a whole new way of looking at food and the potential choking danger food presents.

"It's kind of scary," she says. "They're eating here every day and anything could happen, but thank God it doesn't ... This could have happened in the schoolyard, at recess, and it would have taken longer for help to arrive."

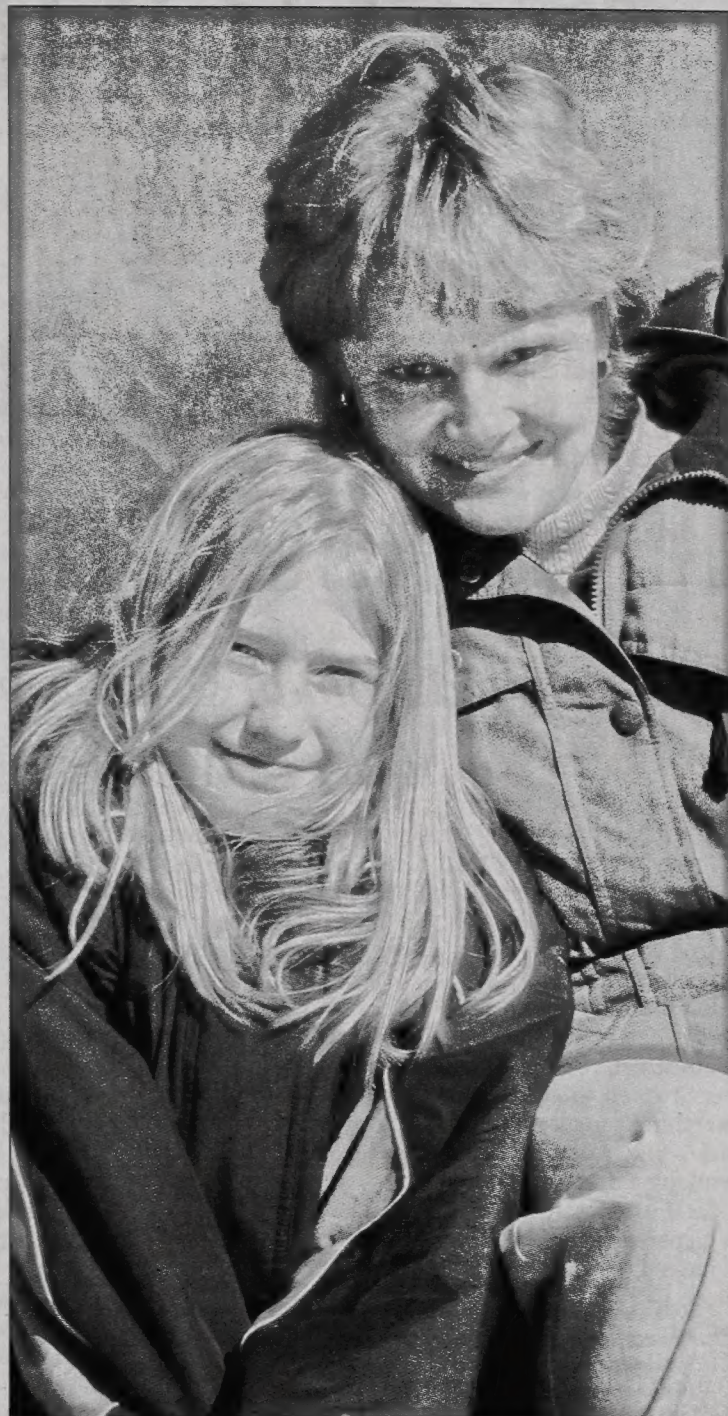
The weekend after Kristine choked, Mrs. Murray says, "My son had one of those things in his mouth and I said, don't you DARE eat that."

At Tuesday night's board of education meeting, trustees and administrators praised Mrs. Murray for her quick-thinking heroics.

Neither student nor teacher says she will ever forget the incident. Mrs. Murray plans to talk about Kristine on the first day of school in September every year for the rest of her teaching career. "That'll be the first thing I will say to them. I'll probably use you as an example to explain why they can't eat or chew gum in class."

As for Kristine, she'll never forget Mrs. Murray. Not only did she save her life, she's also a pretty good teacher.

"Yeah," says Kristine with a big smile. "I'm glad she's my teacher and no one else."



CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo

"I couldn't stop hugging her," says Sabine Murray about the moments following her heroic rescue of Grade 4 student Kristine Godfrey. Kristine choked on a jawbreaker in social studies class.

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Paramedics get 23% wage increase to bring them up to parity with other jurisdictions

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Local paramedics will get a 23% wage increase over the next three years, bringing them up to parity with most paramedics in the region.

The new contract will bring a full-time paramedic's annual income to \$52,000 to \$55,000 a year. It will add another \$196,000, plus \$11,000 in enhanced benefits, onto the county's budget over three years.

Most of the wage increases will be paid out this year.

It's the county's first collective agreement with the paramedics. Until the county took over the ambulance service a year and a half ago, the paramedics were members of the Ontario Public Services Employees Union. They joined the county roads department's CUPE local after the changeover. Now they have their own CUPE local.

The new three-year contract "represents a fairly significant compensation agreement and an enhancement to several of the benefits," county CAO Gary King said after county council ratified the agreement on Wednesday. "It takes our paramedics to very close to parity with paramedics in adja-

cent municipalities, and slightly higher than paramedics in Muskoka."

"The paramedics seem happy and satisfied," says the county's Emergency Medical Services manager Bob English. He notes 83% of the paramedics voted in favour of the new deal.

However, there is a wish among paramedics to bring their wages in parity with other emergency services personnel such as police officers and firefighters. King says a first class police constable earns \$66,000 a year.

As to the paramedics' enhanced benefit package, King says "the county offers a fairly good benefit package to all employees. The paramedics, when they were with the province, had a significantly better benefit package... The county is now maintaining the same coverage they received (from the province.)"

"CUPE and the unions will definitely try to use this as leverage in enhance their compensation in the future," he says. "However, it should be noted we were trying to achieve parity or be close to other ambulance services. Our roads and other employees are already at parity with other jurisdictions."

When it comes time to CUPE negotiations, King said "we will compare apples to apples."



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Music to their ears

Resident Jennie McElroy will be able to play a great tune now that the Highland Wood has been able to purchase a new electronic piano for the long-term care centre at Haliburton Hospital. Half the money donated by the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and the other half by John Bailey, McElroy's friend. Here, Auxiliary President Heather McMullen presents a \$1,083 cheque to Activities Coordinator Dianne Greaves.

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County council briefs

Search is on for a new county treasurer

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Shannon Hunter has resigned as the county's treasurer/deputy clerk so she can take over duties as the new Chief Administrative Officer for North Kawartha.

"It's a very significant loss," says Haliburton County CAO Gary King. "She does a lot of work and she's a very good employee."

Warden Eleanor Harrison agreed, noting that Hunter's strength was the straight answers she could give to county councillors.

"She has a real handle on the different departments and where their spending is. You could always go to her for answers."

County councillors congratulated Hunter on the promotion and wished her well in her new job. Her last day at the county office will be April 25; she starts at the Apsley office on May 1.

The treasurer's position will be advertised at a salary range of \$48,400 to \$59,700.

King is "hopeful there are some qualified candidates" who will apply for the job.

Budget

This year's budget deliberations will be some of the most difficult yet, but Harrison said "it's imperative we stay focused



Shannon Hunter is leaving to become North Kawartha's CAO.

and look at the county as a whole and what we want it to be in the future.

"It will be a difficult task but voters obviously had confidence in us [to do it]."

The first budget meeting is April 11 at 9 a.m.. It is open to the public.

Land sold

The county will have an extra \$13,000 to work with. That's the amount it garnered from the sale of an old gravel pit at the intersection of Hwy 28 and County Road 9 in Cardiff. The MLS list price had been \$15,000 but the county recently accepted an offer for \$13,000. It has already utilized all of the pit's resources.

Library hours

It doesn't look good for library users.

The county library system is facing a \$60,000 shortfall now that federal funding has been withdrawn for the CAP sites.

When the federal government made the funding for free internet access available, many of the computers were placed in the county's public libraries. This therefore helped the library extend the hours at the various branches.

Now that the CAP funding is greatly reduced, and all the infrastructure costs are still in place, the county must decide whether it can afford to sustain the enhanced library hours.

"I would hope the hours wouldn't be reduced," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-revee Don Shortreed.

A decision will be made during the county's budget process.

Although it won't help solve any immediate problems, the library board has decided to spend \$200 on a needs study. "It will direct us towards strategic planning," Harrison reported.

9-1-1

At this point, volunteer firefighters and other municipal volunteer groups will have limited responsibility in the posting of the yellow stakes that will be the first visible sign that Haliburton County will one day get 9-1-1 service.

Volunteers will be asked to put the stakes at road intersections only, not at each individ-

ual property. The stakes will then help 9-1-1 staff members identify and verify who lives at each property and their phone number and roll number.

The county is hoping it can reach a deal with Hydro One to have 9-1-1 staff accompany Hydro's meter readers to the properties. "This would save us considerable time and money," King says. "In the event we're unable to reach an agreement, we'll pursue other opportunities."

County councillors are hesitant about having volunteer firefighters take on the time-consuming task of posting the stakes.

Health services

County councillors are not impressed with the lack of foresight of the new healthcare facilities' architect.

It will cost Haliburton Highlands Health Services tens of thousands of dollars to put a protective barrier along the lower portion of bedroom and hallway walls to prevent further damage from wheelchairs.

The walls are made out of dry-wall and have sustained extensive damage after being bumped into by electric wheelchairs.

Electric wheelchairs are useful because they allow residents to get around without the aid of a staff member, but they aren't always the easiest to turn. Given that they move at higher speeds, they cause more damage than manual wheelchairs when they

accidentally knock into the walls.

It's estimated it will cost \$100,000 at Hyland Crest alone to repair damaged walls and provide the protective barriers, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said.

"Was [the damage] not seen as a possibility," he asked. He remembered discussions about the impractical use of drywall with the architect.

"I guess that's why I was so happy with the architect," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said sarcastically.

Meanwhile, Hyland Crest's committee of management will meet with Ministry of Health representatives in June to discuss government policies. At present, the Municipal Act says that in order to retain county status, a county must provide a home for the aged. However, several years ago, the Ministry of Health gave responsibility for Hyland Crest, which was owned by the county, to the HHHS. This necessitated the joint board of management with county and HHHS representatives.

The meeting will be about the county's continuing responsibilities now that Municipal Affairs has said the ownership requirement will not be waived.

In his report to council, Rigney welcomed the new HHHS CEO, saying that Keith Sansford's very experienced in both long-term care and acute care. (Rigney also made a few quips about the CEO's Newfoundland heritage.)

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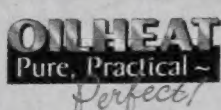
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There will only be a few more days of horsing around in the snow for J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students such as Jimmy Voicoy.

County gets no help on landfill boundary issue

Environment Minister Elizabeth Witmer wasn't very helpful in resolving local municipalities' problems with restrictive rules concerning who can use landfill sites.

The Ministry says that if a municipality wants to change who's allowed to dump at a site, the municipality must undertake a study for a new Certificate of Approval for each site. This could potentially cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

When several municipalities were amalgamated into three new municipalities a couple of years ago, the new municipalities hoped they could simply change their old C of As to reflect the new boundaries. For instance, in the new Minden Hills, they hoped that people in the former municipalities of Snowdon and Lutterworth would be able to access landfills in the former municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden, and vice versa.

At Wednesday's county council meeting, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said that when amalgamation

negotiations began, they were reassured by the province that this would be possible. Part way through the process, however, he says the rules were changed. Now, people can only access those landfills in their former municipality because that's all the C of A allows.

This angers and frustrates people who have to drive several kilometres to the landfill in their geographic township even though another landfill in the new municipality is closer.

The county has lobbied Ministry officials to allow municipalities to change the C of As to reflect the new boundaries without opening up the C of A for review. These requests were rebuffed. The county sent a similar request to Witmer, who recently responded with a letter telling the county that municipalities have to comply with the rules set out by the approvals branch and if they have any concerns, they should take them up with branch managers.

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Another chance

Here we go again. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is crying for help. It has no money. It's made mistakes for which it apologizes. It promises never to let bad things happen again.

Same-o, same-o?

The Chamber of Commerce has a long history of problems in a county where people have long memories. Here at *The Echo*, we've had our share of run-ins and public disagreements with the Chamber, too. But is it fair to have

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will likely be made again?

First of all, you have to acknowledge the importance of the Chamber. At a very fundamental level, it operates the tourist information booth on Hwy 35 in Minden. Staff answer thousands of questions from people who drop in or phone or email. They provide an essential service.

But it's not enough to tell people things; sometimes you have to show them. That's why there are publications such as the Destination Guide and new county map (an expensive proposition for anyone who has considered producing one.) There's also a new, more comprehensive website which, if it is to have any value at all, must be updated on a regular basis. These projects cost money.

On top of the responsibility to carry the county's tourism flag, there's a new expectation that the Chamber do a better job serving businesses in the Highlands, and not just businesses with direct ties to tourism. The last infusion of cash from the county and the province was supposed to help the Chamber take bold steps in that direction. More staff was hired and a lot of resources went into promoting the Highlands as a place to do business. But, as Chamber president Diana Ferguson acknowledges, there's a lot of disappointment over how little has actually changed since the funding was put in place.

If Ferguson and her vice-president, Jim Henwood, had come to county council with simply an apology and a hand-out, they deserve a cool reception. But over the past few weeks, staff and board members have worked hard to identify where it went wrong last year and what can be done to prevent mistakes from being repeated. It has come up with a business plan that, for once, is not simply full of flowery promises and bold statements. Instead, it has checks and balances, goals and ways to measure whether those goals are being achieved in a timely manner. The budget will also come under stricter scrutiny.

Do we judge this document based on the Brian Dean debacle? (A few years ago, the Chamber hired its board president as its new manager. Notwithstanding that Dean was later found guilty of possessing child pornography, there were other reasons why there was public dissatisfaction with his leadership.) Do we bring up the old complaint that the Chamber's staff or volunteers still have yet to personally visit each and every business in the county?

Yes, the Chamber has to prove itself, but we should all be fair in setting the standards we expect it to reach. One expectation is that it should act more like a business — which the new board says it is going to do. The other expectation is that it also help improve the business climate in the county both by attracting people to the Highlands and supporting the businesses which serve them. Do you believe this new board, with its new business plan, can achieve these goals? How will you know if you don't give it a chance?



Spring sun, Head Lake shoreline.

photo by Darren Lum/Echo

Wading into it

For an expert angler, spring is an exciting time for catching sleek brook trout, executing precise fly casts and deftly wading into cool, fast flowing streams. The rest of us, however, will just settle for waders that don't leak.

That's because leaky waders are the bane of trout anglers, duck hunters and anyone else who secretly loves the feel of rubber pants.

Just a few days ago I bought myself a new pair of waders for this very reason. It wasn't something that I had planned on but I had to admit that my old waders weren't working as they should. I got a hint of this last year when I was chest deep in placid water, fly-fishing below a bridge. Believe me, when an angler hears, "Mommy, that man has a big fish right behind him. See, how it keeps blowing bubbles?" it's time to lower your hat, wade upstream, and consider the purchase of a new set of waders, as well as a change in diet.

Worse, however, than waders that leak a lot are those that only leak a little. I once owned a pair with a pin-hole seep. It was one of those things you never noticed during a hot day of fishing. In fact, my first indication was after I had taken those waders off and stopped at the nearby general store for a pop. That's when the clerk and the dozen or so people in line giggled as some observant little kid pointed out the big round wet spot right in the front of my pants. By the way, here's an example of when explaining that "it's just a little leak and you'll go home and glue a patch over the hole" won't do any good at all. Well, actually, that's not true either;

I'm told that the little guy stopped wetting his pants shortly thereafter.

With all these troubles, it's a wonder anyone in their right mind would even bother with waders. They don't. But anglers, on the other hand recognize that waders have a long and illustrious history. In fact, waders are what fishermen use to rely on before the invention of depth finders. Some of us still do and that's why I try to fish with tall guys.

It's important to wade carefully. Now many outdoor magazines actually advise the use a wading staff. Personally, I think that hired help is just a bit too extravagant. I go slow and feel the river bottom with a sturdy stick instead. It's not as prestigious but it works just the same.

If you wade carefully, the worst that can happen is a hole in your waders, which is why outdoorsman should know several ways to mark those tears that let cold water in and hot air out.

Most, however just field-test of their waders in the frigid water on the first miserable day of trout season. At that time, a real outdoorsman will simply wade into the river, undeterred by any leak that allows an influx of frigid water. Oh sure, the angler might note where the holes are, but after that he'll just grin and bear it. Only later will he wonder about his sudden infertility.

That's the way I test my waders. The beauty of this is that if they don't leak, I can always ask for them back. After all, why should I let some real outdoorsman use my waders for the whole day?

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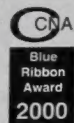
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There's something about the sense of smell that has an awesome power. It happened to Christopher as he was walking his dog, Donald, just this morning. There they were, he and Donald, walking by the side of the road where only two days before there had been a foot of dirty snow. It was actually a ridge along which they walked, with the road to the right of them and a gorge to the left. Down in the gorge, a swollen stream was churning its way around trees and fallen branches. Christopher was watching the water, smelling the heavy damp smell of earth when all of a sudden, a breeze moved across his face and he was immediately transported back in time.

A black and white portrait of a woman with short, curly hair and large, round glasses. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

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had made its way across the damp fields and was wafting over Christopher like a gentle friend. For that moment, the world seemed to stop. Only the warming sun and moist, rich soil framed with the dry rustle of last fall's growth, existed. Christopher remembered drinking it in, wanting it to last.

And it did - for a while. He had continued along the edge of the field while the sun moved in and out behind puffed clouds, casting shadows across the ground.

Likewise the breeze was an inconstant companion, surprising him by a fence post or at the top of a small hill. Then Christopher had crossed the field, headed for the bit of cedar bush with its creek hidden within. Here the delicious spring smell was even stronger and there were scraps of snow beneath the evergreens. The creek gurgled like laughter over rocks and overflowing banks. The air was cooler here, a place apart from the warmer, breezy fields. Still the smell was there only with an edge of winter yet.

Now, gazing down at the stream behind the old school, Christopher found himself loving spring in all its earthy richness. it made him feel so alive. Beneath the muck he would later have to wipe from Donald's feet, there was new life stirring and the fun of watching it reappear would soon begin. He wondered if everyone felt the same seasonal excitement, and walked on.

As the stream disappeared noisily into a large culvert, Christopher glanced around to see how the world looked now that the snow had all but disappeared. It was a beautiful spring day, perfect for walking. He saw where someone had strung out a line of laundry, the first of the season. A futile effort. It was too early to be raking. Then, seeing the fellow's starkly white arms, he realized the rake was just a prop, an excuse to be outside in the sun after the long dark of winter. While faces might enjoy the glow of winter's sun, little else of our bodies did. Christopher thought of removing his jacket and continuing the walk in his shirt sleeves. But no, there was still that breeze. He'd better not.

For surely there is not much worse than a spring cold - unless it's a summer cold, of course. To lie about the house sneezing or hacking, blowing or running, stuffed up, laid up - it was pure torture when the rest of the world was flaunting itself in the warmth outside. Better to be safe. He looked at Donald who was in his glory. All the accumulated smells of the past four months were exposed for the delight of Donald's nose and he was going to take every opportunity to stop and sniff that he could. Christopher had to constantly tug on the leash, or they'd be hours getting back to the house.

Despite the dirt strewn across the road and piled along the shoulders from the roads department trucks, there was a sparkle all around Christopher as he continued to walk home. It was the sparkle of life. Birds chirped from trees and wires, squirrels took great flying leaps from fence posts and across lawns and skunks waddled along the side of ditches like oddly shaped caterpillars. Wait a minute, thought Christopher, stopping in his tracks. Skunks? Sure enough, a large skunk, moving surprisingly quickly, was ambling in his direction though down along the ditch, not up on the roadside where he walked with Donald.

Christopher could have crossed to the other side of the road, but he didn't want to. He liked this side, with the tall trees and besides, he had not seen all that many skunks in his life. So he began talking to Donald - loudly, and kept on walking. Donald, nose on the ground, did not even look up but the skunk heard Christopher and scurried even faster toward them. Thank goodness it was down there, thought Christopher, finally giving in and moving toward the other side of the road to give it a wide berth for a few strategic seconds. He turned and watched it disappear behind some leafless shrubs near the stream.

You know it's spring when your dog can walk right past a skunk and never even notice, thought Christopher. When it comes to smells, Donald was only interested in what was right within reach.

As he reached out and snapped off some pussy willows for his kitchen table, Christopher thought that wasn't such a bad philosophy for this time of year.



Pic of the Past

Dolores Gibb of Unionville, Ont., sent an envelope of interesting old photos to the *Echo*, including this charming portrait of Harry and Sid Hutchings of Haliburton. Harry was the roads superintendent who had a job depending on who was elected locally. At the time, politics had a role in every facet of the municipality, including who ran the roads department. Both Harry and Sid have passed away.

Column unfair to post-secondary students

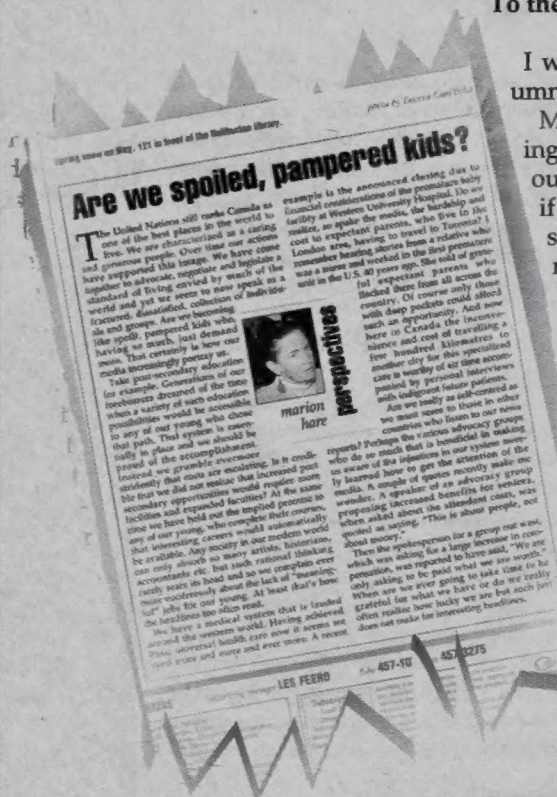
To the Editor:

I wish to comment on Marion Hare's "Perspectives" column of March 26.

My first reading of it made me upset. Later on, after taking the time to re-read the column several times more thoroughly and objectively, I started to see her point that, yes, if the media can be believed, Canadians could possibly be seen as chronic grumblers. However, with all due respect to Mrs. Hare, I must comment on my original impression that she was unfair to post-secondary school students in her column and also to parents facing the anguish of having a child with severe health problems.

Her examples are over-simplifications, ignoring crucial variables that could distinguish them as either genuine problems or examples of whining. I understand that Mrs. Hare is allotted a limited amount of space in which to express her opinions and that sometimes use of very generalized examples is unavoidable. However, insinuating that all Canadians are either "spoiled, pampered kids" or suckers for a shocking headline negates to an insulting level the very real, very legitimate struggles that many of them face.

**Sarah Levis,
Haliburton.**



Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





The Art of sculpture

The clay bunny rabbit that rests contentedly on a work table in Rose Pearson's art class at HHSS represents the fun part of making a sculpture.

However, if you left that clay bunny on its own, it would dry out, chip and break. That's no fun. If you want to transform that bunny into something that lasts, then you have to be prepared for a lot of sometimes tedious and time-consuming work.

Last week, Pearson's students started to learn about the practical aspects of making sculptures. Their teachers were Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore, two artists from Gelert whose sculptures have been on display in cities across Canada and into the United States.

"Given the amount of time you spend doing paperwork, organizing shows, talking to contractors about pouring the cement, when it comes to actually doing the art part it's 'thank God,'" Barkhouse told the students as the clay mold of the bunny hardened at a snail's pace.

With a grant from the Haliburton County Development Committee's arts committee, and \$500 from the high school, Barkhouse and Belmore will help the students create the newest addition to the sculpture garden at Glebe Park. The students have not yet decided what their sculpture will be, or even what it will be made of.

At least they now have a better idea of what will be involved in getting it from the design stage to the "let's admire the sculptures in the park" stage.

Barkhouse and Belmore are both graduates of the Ontario College of Art. They say a lot of doing sculpture is trial and error. "Being in school gives you the luxury of time and the luxury of error."

And errors there will be, they say, telling the story about the time they turned a large sculpture fluorescent pink by using iodized salt in the mold. Then there were the times when they were chiselling away at the mold and inadvertently chiselled away at the sculpture.

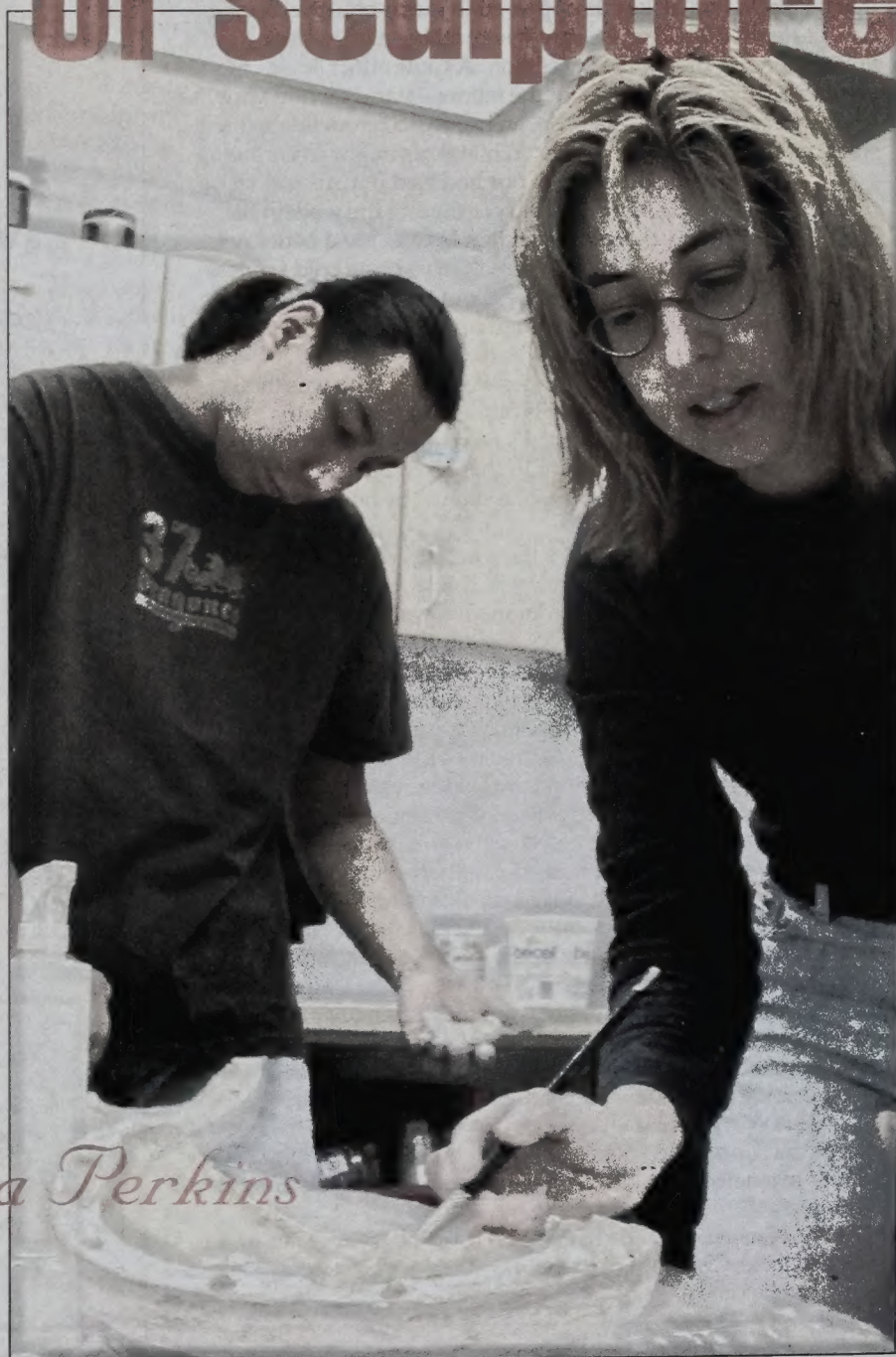
Barkhouse smiles. "As an artist, you have to know how to fix things. If you don't, you should be an accountant."

Pearson is thrilled by the partnership. "This is an opportunity I can't offer them," she says, citing budget restraints. With the extra funding and the Gelert couple's expertise, these students are getting a chance to do something most artists can't do until they're in college. Besides, by having the students do a sculpture, that will increase the community's awareness of the sculpture garden. It now has three pieces but the arts committee would like to add at least one a year.

Give these students a month or two, and the arts committee will get its wish.

Story & photos by Martha Perkins

Having created sculptures for sites across North America, Gelert-based artists Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore are passing on some of their techniques to HHSS art students, who will be creating their own addition to Haliburton's sculpture path.





The Queen Mother, shortly after the abdication of Edward VIII (the Duke of Windsor) – a crisis that brought her husband, King George VI, left, to the throne in 1936.

The Queen Mum & I

To the Editor:

With the passing of the Queen Mother, many memories are brought to light. The year was 1939, the occasion was a trip to Toronto by the Wilberforce School students to be a part of the exciting visit of King George 6th and Queen Elizabeth.

At 9 o'clock in the morning some 30+ students boarded Ted Sheehey's truck at the school grounds. With stock racks to keep everyone on the truck, we stood up on the long truck to Lindsay. Before reaching Fenelon Falls, the truck became stuck in the mud and a team of horses from a neighbouring farm pulled us out.

Reaching Lindsay, we boarded the C.N.R. where 17 coaches filled with noisy students finally arrived at the Don Stadium in Toronto. Seats were scarce and many stood up all the way.

The designated area roped off for Haliburton and Victoria County students was totally filled. The Royal coach passed by only a matter of feet from us.

The remarks and special tributes paid to the Queen Mother now were buzz words spoken some 63 years ago. She was beautiful, charming and graceful.

To add to the memories was that a number of little students dove under the ropes and gave chase to the Royal procession. Among these was my nine-year-old brother, Don. Being responsible for him and my younger brother Harold and sister Marian was myself and my older brother Albert. The search was on. You have heard the phrase – (looking for a needle in a haystack) – well just try finding a half-pint among 5,000 jostling bodies.

In desperation it was decided that I remain and look for Don and stay at my grandmother's in Toronto. I remained close to the last and found both. Just as the train was pulling out to head back to Lindsay, word was passed along that Don was in the front coach. I ran and caught the last coach as it was gaining momentum.

Apparently Don had returned to the station, climbed up on the low shed roof, watched for the first person he recognized boarding the train. He climbed down and did the proper thing.

We reversed the travel, most of us still standing as we reached Lindsay. Again on Ted's truck and due to his expert knowledge of driving northern roads, we missed the muddy spots and 30+ students staggered into the Wilberforce school grounds late in the evening, tired but just thrilled that we had seen royalty in person with our own eyes – remember no television in those days.

I write this on behalf of myself and the noisy but happy gang of 1939.

Ken Sanderson,
Wilberforce

Inspirator inspires

To the Editor:

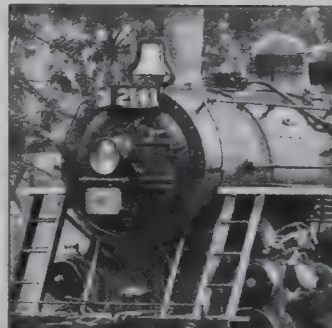
I read with great interest the article in the Mar. 5th Echo re: "Locomotive 214 is Mobile".

I would like to bring to your attention the quote from the article which referred to "The Rotary Club's donation of something called the Hancock Inspirator, a part that helps regulate the amount of steam coming out of the boiler."

The inspirator when opened allows steam from the boiler to enter the inspirator and that steam warms the water drawn from the tender behind the Locomotive and under pressure it is discharged from the Injector through a pipe to the top check valve on top of the boiler where it enters the boiler producing continuous steam to operate the locomotive.

The locomotive at the high school is a CNR 10-wheel locomotive and I had the privilege when I was locomotive foreman at the CPR round house, which is still standing at the foot of the CN Tower, to restore a 1912 10-wheel CP locomotive which is operating at the South Simcoe Railroad in Tottenham.

John Clark,
Glamorgan.



Way to go!

To the Editor:

This is a copy of the letter that Chris Hodgson, MPP, gave to the Glen Dart Hockey Tournament organizers.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the 50th Anniversary of the Glen Dart Hockey tournament! As your MPP, and also as a former participant, I am honoured that I am able to be here today to join in the celebration.



This is an event that hockey players and their families look forward to each year and I am proud to have the opportunity to recognize the dedicated committees that have organized this wonderful community event each year. I would like to commend these volunteers for having the commitment to ensure that this tradition has been maintained since 1952.

On behalf of our community, I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to you on this special day and I wish you much success with this year's tournament.

Chris Hodgson,
MPP, Haliburton-Victoria-Brock

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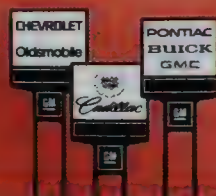
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Storm's Novice B2 end season with busy weekend

Colby Cunningham earns a 0.33 GAA en route to three Storm victories

MARK FREEMAN

Special to the Echo

The last weekend of the hockey season for the Novice B2 found them first playing in the Glen Dart 50th Annual Memorial tournament on Saturday 23rd, hosting the Mariposa Novice B team. With Marcie Dick in net for her first game this year, She played as if she had done it all year, to earn herself the shut-out.

With no goals against, the first goal of the game by Kelly Outram stood to be the game winning goal. Brady Kent at center provided 2 assists which found Nick Freeman scoring the 2nd marker, and star of the game, Matt Rae getting the 3rd goal in this 3-0 win.

The next day Sunday 24th the storm travelled to Fenelon Falls for a tournament. With Riley Maracle unable to attend the team went with nine players, with the short bench, forwards Aaron Hillier and Captain Ryan Richards were asked to relieve the defence when needed throughout the day, which isn't often with assistant captain Kelly Outram and Matt Rae playing strongly for prolonged periods of time.

The first match at 10 a.m. pitted the Storm against Sunderland. Nick Freeman found some open ice in the first minute of play to score what turned out to be the game winning goal, as Colby Cunningham went on to gain his first shut-out of the day. Brady Kent showed his offensive talents with three goals to register the hat-trick. Stephan Schollia finding the net twice was to be awarded "Hustler of the game" in this 6-0 victory.

In game two the squad met with Omemee at 1 p.m. where all of the opponents' attempts to score were thwarted by goalie Colby Cunningham

as he took his second shut-out on the day. The fist goal of this game scored by Brady Kent and assisted by Stephan Schollia was to be the go ahead goal in

the team, the next goal by Captain Ryan Richards assisted by Aaron Hillier proved to be a game winner. Nick Freeman found his target three times

the net by assistant captain Kelly Outram and Matt Rae whose endurance and defensive skills left some big shoes to fill for the dual roles asked of captain Ryan Richards and Aaron Hillier, who met that standard of defensive play and also chipped in the offence in all 3 games.

This team, sponsored by U.A.P. Autoparts Haliburton, went an amazing 38 wins, 8 losses and 2 ties on the year, with these team accomplishments under their belts.

Manvers Tournament 'A' finalists Highland Storm Tournament 'A' finalists Fenelon Falls Tournament 'A' Champions Tri-County Novice B 'Gold Division Finalists'.

As the coach of this team I can say that they are all champions in my eyes, and I would like to give them all my best wishes in all their future endeavors. Also I would like to thank Manager/Trainer Kevin Kent, Asst. Coach/Trainer Jody Hillier and all of the wonderful parents who invested their time and made this a year I will fondly remember.



Storm's jubilant team after the 'A' Championship.

this 5-0 win. Marcie Dick was awarded "Hustler of the game" with her excellent skating ability and outstanding back-checking.

With two wins on the day, game 3 was to be in the "A" final at 4:30 p.m. against Bobcaygeon. The Storm scored first in this match but the challengers popped one in the first period to tie the game and end the storm's shut-out streak.

That goal against sparked a fire under

scoring the hat-trick, and Marcie Dick buried one in the net for a goal and was once again awarded the "hustler of the game" for the second game in a row, in this 9-1 final which saw the team become 'A' champions for the day.

With three games played goalie Colby Cunningham allowed only one goal against for a remarkable 0.33 goals against average on the day. This also reflects on the incredible protection of

Weekend breakdown

Mariposa Novice B
3-0 win

Sunderland
6-0 win

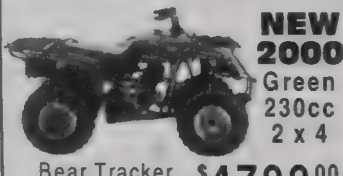
Omemee
5-0 win

Bobcaygeon
9-1 win

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General on the move... to NHL dreams

DARREN LUM

Special to the Echo

In first-round play the Oshawa Generals were eliminated by the Belleville Bulls 4-1 in a best-of-seven playoff series.

At 17, Chris Petrow is one step closer to achieving his dream after being drafted by the Oshawa Generals.

The 6'3", 195-lb. Haliburtonian, who in December was drafted 215th overall, doesn't have much on his mind other than hockey aspirations, but is cognizant of what could harm his NHL dreams. This was particularly important to him when he was living in Haliburton and drugs, alcohol and girls could be a distraction, he adds.

"Priorities are huge. You have to have your priorities right. If you want to play hockey then you go out and play hockey," Chris said. "There are a lot of conscious decisions you have to make. There are a lot of distractions that can take your mind off hockey."

He says distractions are not just a small town challenge. Even though in Oshawa drugs and alcohol may not be as big an issue, the girls still are. But Chris remains focused and has never really been too interested in anything else other than playing the game he loves.

"Hockey has always been my main focus. I always love playing it. In the winter time there isn't a whole lot to do up in Haliburton. I ended up playing a whole lot of hockey."

He took his first major step towards his NHL dream when he left home nearly two years ago to play with the Cobourg Cougars in the Tier II hockey league. When he moved away from home at 16 he didn't really have any reservations.

"Once you get used to your surroundings it's easy to adjust," Chris said.

He played one full season and then after 30 games with the Cougars, he left the team for a deal that would pay for his university education and provide the opportunity to play for the Generals in the OHL.

Before the OHL, he considered playing in the United States for either an ivy league university, Cornell, on a financial aid package, or a full scholarship with North Dakota University.

The Generals have committed to a four-year contract, a no-trade clause and

have agreed to permit Chris to attend university while he plays in the OHL.

After 27 games with the Generals, he has scored a goal and added 5 assists. Not just another dumb jock, Chris works hard on and off the ice. At Henry Street High School he is maintaining a B+/A-average during his OAC year. If things don't pan out the way he hopes he would like to study business, or commerce, or take courses towards becoming a personal trainer.

He's played hockey all of his life and despite the added pressures of the OHL, where he plays in front of thousands of people on a weekly basis, he still enjoys the game.

He says that since games are usually on the weekend, life is like that of any other 17-year-old. Eighty per cent of games are between Thursday and Sunday which leaves the rest of the week for studies.

Despite the playing responsibility he says there is plenty of time to do school work, but when things do get busy he'll bring work on the bus.

To this day, whenever he plays hockey he feels the same way he did when he first played hockey at the age of four.

"I just went out and played hockey because I loved to play hockey."

When he got drafted he noticed things were a little different though. The first noticeable difference was when he got an agent to negotiate his deal with the Generals. Then there was the added pressure from coaches who stress winning.

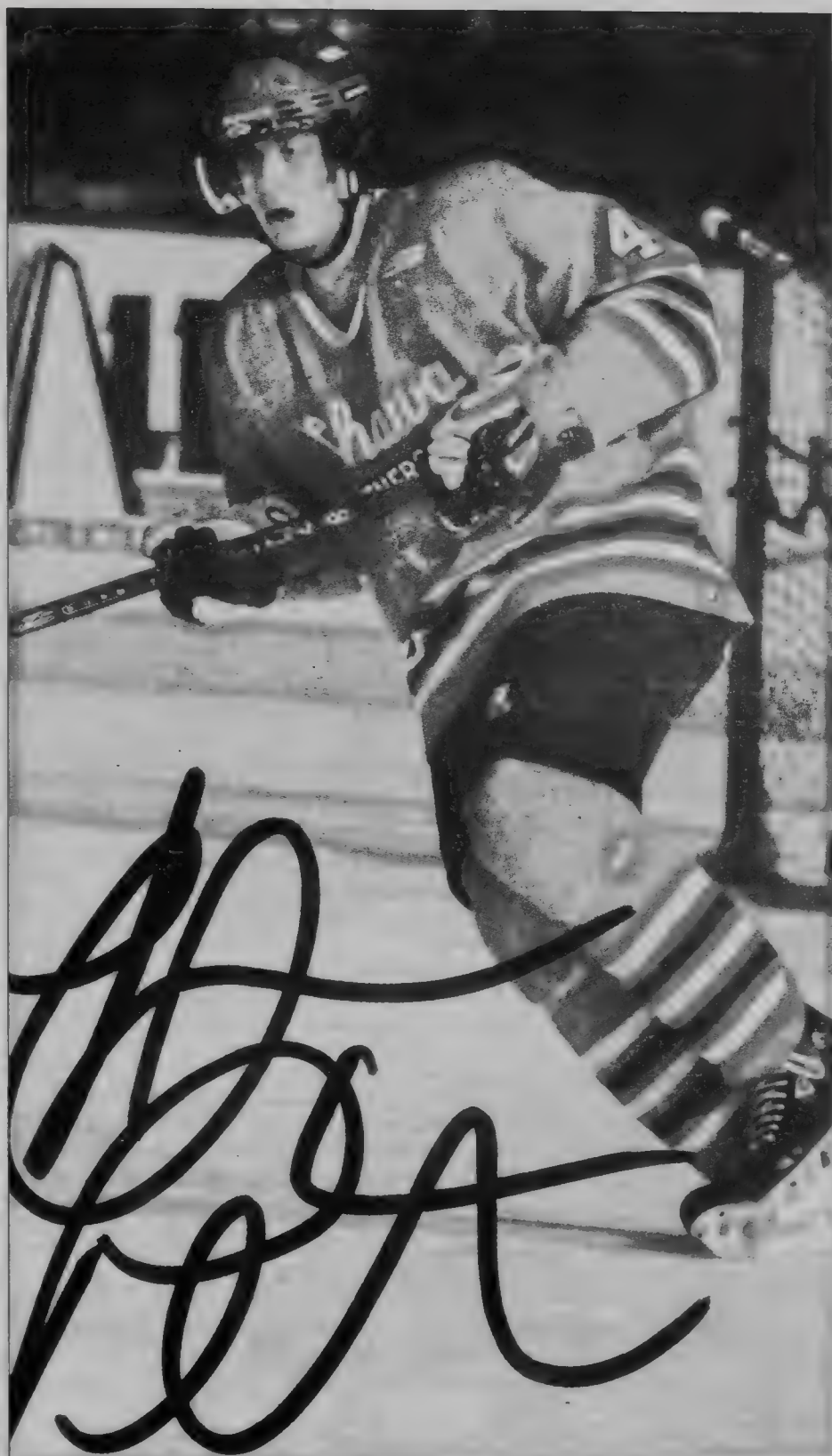
Chris says the coaching and the support he received from people in Haliburton was one of the other reasons for his present success.

Rick Wood, Paul Wilson, Walt McKechnie and Glen Sharpely were important people in his hockey success.

This June he expects to enter the NHL draft and with not even a full season completed in the OHL, he is currently rated 155th overall.

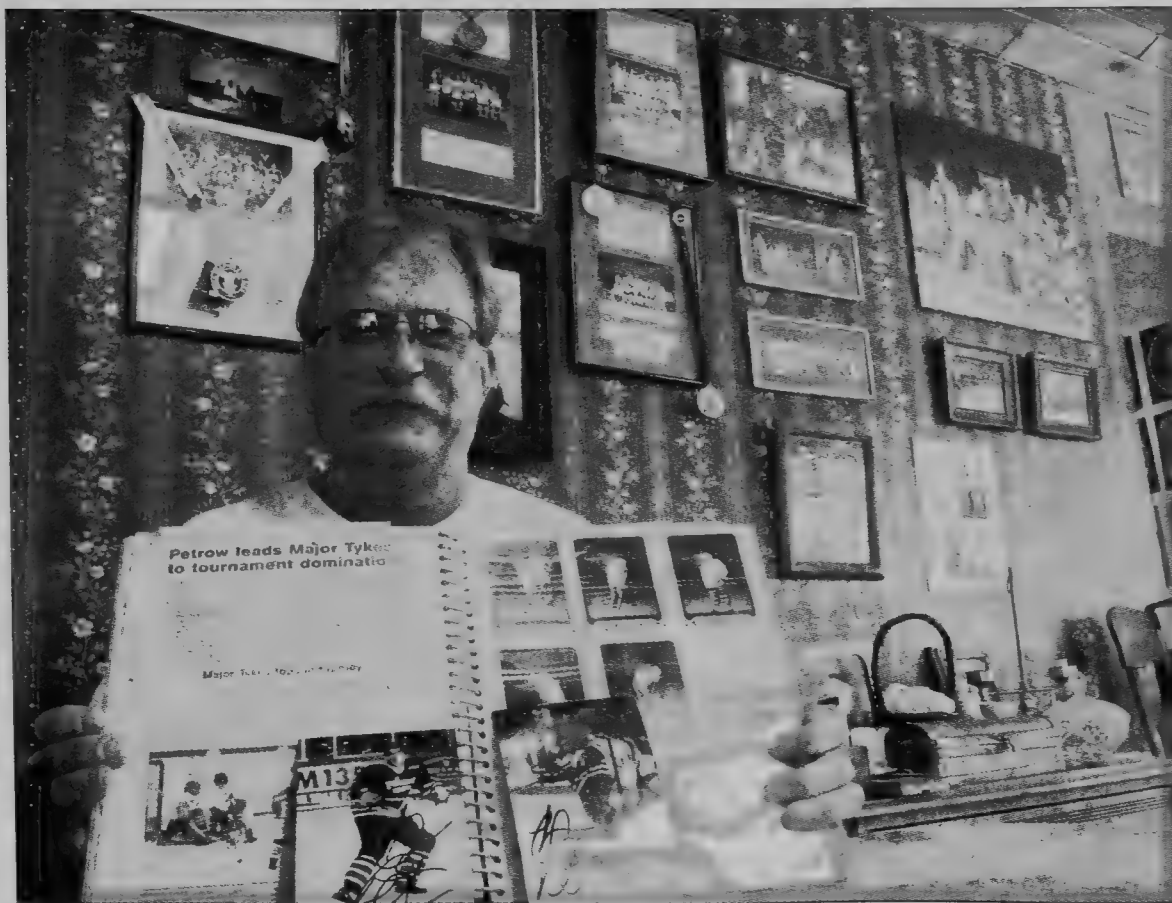
During the off season Chris will be hitting the weights to build muscle and will work with a personal trainer to increase his foot speed. He says in the summer he'll try to get home a couple of days a week. As for the future, he's not sure what is going to happen, but whatever happens he won't forget where he came from.

"I have no idea. I'm just going to keep working hard and see what happens."



IAN GOODALL/Echo

Chris Petrow in action. He's been giving a lot more autographs to people now that he's joined the Oshawa Generals.



above: Chris Petrow as an 11-year-old in a Haliburton Husky uniform.
left: Father Russ Petrow is proud of his son's accomplishments. His kitchen wall is adorned with photos and medallions belonging to Chris.

Raid the North returns to Bark Lake, kicks off 2002 season

Raid the North Returns to Bark Lake to Kick Off the 2002 Race Season

Frontier Adventure Racing Inc., Canada's premiere adventure racing company, will be kicking off the 2002 Raid the North race season at the Bark Lake Leadership Centre, located in the heart of the Haliburton Highlands.

Scheduled for May 4-5, this 36-hour, non-stop race will take teams of four through a 150 km course of canoeing, trekking, mountain biking and rappelling.

"We are so happy to be returning to Bark Lake once again," said David Zietsma, president of Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. "Our competitors last year were so happy with the course and the terrain. The Haliburton Highlands offer an ideal landscape for adventure racing and there is still so much more terrain available to design a completely different course from last year's."

Raid the North - Bark Lake is one of five, 36-hour races across Canada that serve as qualifiers for the Series Championship race at the end of the season. Unlike Raid the North Extreme, which is six-days in length, races in the Raid the North Series are seen as more accessible to first-timers. This year's race will see a field of 60 teams from across Canada and the United States compete for the first place title. The top five finishing teams will earn a spot in the Series Championship race, with the winners receiving free entry into that race, plus \$1,000 CDN.

"Bark Lake is very excited to host Raid the North again this year," said Brent Gordon, sales and marketing manager for Bark Lake. "Last year's race was a big success and the competitors we're very pleased with what our facility and surrounding area had to offer. We will do our utmost to ensure that this year's event is even bigger and better."

The Bark Lake Leadership

Centre will be offering introductory programs to several recreational activities on the Saturday of the race. These activities will include canoeing, orienteering, first aid and the high ropes challenge course. Open to anyone (all ages), participants will gain an appreciation for outdoor recreation and wilderness adventure.

For more information about these programs, call Bark Lake at 1.888.517.9999 or email info@barklake.com.

For anyone who is not quite ready to compete in a 36-hour race, Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. will also be holding their very popular Salomon Adventure Challenge race on Saturday, May 4.

This 5-8 hour race is designed to be a fun, yet challenging way to enjoy adventure racing and is a great opportunity for others to participate in this growing sport. For more information about this event please visit www.RAIDTHENORTH.com.

Frontier Adventure Racing will also be looking for a number of local volunteers to assist in the management of this event. More than 70 volunteers will be needed in total for an event of this magnitude. And although, many volunteers travel from out of town to participate, organizers prefer to work with local volunteers who are familiar with the area. For more information about volunteering, please contact Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. at 1.877.846.8889 or email info@far.on.ca.

The schedule for the 2002 season is as follows:

Raid the North - Bark Lake May 4-5
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Raid the North - New Brunswick July 20-21
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HIGHLAND STORM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Study of intersection begins

The following are brief reports of road-related items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

A consulting engineer should have recommendations about how to improve safety at the intersection of County Roads 1 and 121 by next month.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey is leading the charge to have something done at the intersection which is next to the high school. Not only are there concerns about the safety of students crossing 121 a short distance away, but school bus traffic in the morning and afternoon also causes congestion and safety concerns.

Several options will be explored, such as whether to install a traffic light at the intersection or a flashing light in front of the school.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis wanted to ensure that the consultant would use traffic counts for both summer and winter. He was assured that the consultant does have these figures, and will probably do some independent traffic counts.

121 improvements

It will cost the county \$1.44-million to fix and resurface the 5.5 kilometres of County Road 121 between the Ingoldsby turn-off and the Allsaw bridge.

Repair work will include new

culverts, fixing frost heaves and creating a left-hand turn lane at the Blairhampton road.

Once the work is finished, the road will be resurfaced with double lift asphalt.

This will conclude the county's reconstruction project for the highway. Last year it did the section from Hwy 35 in Minden to the Ingoldsby turn-off.

Line painting

Since it will cost \$66,000 to hire a company to paint the lines on county and municipal roads, and there are few ways to control when that work will be done, the county roads department will look into whether it's feasible to buy its own line-painting equipment. This equipment could be used to do the lines in heavy traffic areas and municipal areas of concern, such as hospitals and parking lots, in a timely manner.

Municipalities will be polled to get an idea of the level of service they'd need.

Meanwhile, it's hoped that the brushing of county and municipal roads can begin in the third week of April. The county has hired a firm at the cost of \$75 an hour for an estimated 120 hours.

A new light

It's hoped the intersection at County Roads 503 and 507 in Gooderham will be a bit safer now that there's a flashing light installed.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Stuart Baker Elementary School's Choir Director Janice Benoit took her singers to the Highland Wood long-term facility in Haliburton last week. Performing in front of an audience was like a rehearsal for the youngsters, who are practising for their date at the Music Festival on Wednesday at 9:15 am on April 13.

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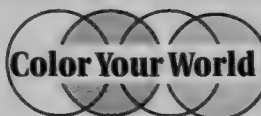
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Trillium Lakelands District School Board briefs

Trustees say province's funding formula hurts rural areas

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports from Tuesday night's meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board at the Haliburton office. Given the day's snowstorm, several trustees were unable to make it to the meeting and took part via speaker phone.

The Ministry of Education should change its funding formula to ensure that students in rural areas receive a "safe and equitable" education, trustees say.

Muskoka trustee Doris Monaghan made the motion to lobby the province in response to 25 letters she received after a school secretary's hours were reduced from 35 to 30 hours a week. Although the reduction of hours is not drastic, it does have an impact the level of service available at the Huntsville-area school, where the principal also teaches 30% of the time.

The province says that a school must have at least 375 students to warrant a full-time principal; smaller schools have principals who also assume other duties.

When you have a principal who's in the classroom part of the time and a secretary who only works part time, that means the office is often closed or left unattended. Phones aren't answered, visitors aren't monitored and all the small but valued duties a secretary performs for students are left undone.

The decision to cut back on the secretary's hours based on funding formula restraints happens at small schools across the province, Monaghan said.

Rather than have to close these schools and send children to larger schools where services are more affordable, trustees would like the funding formula changed to reflect the higher costs of

running a small school. Students in rural areas deserve "to have access to safe and equitable education," she said.

There was no discussion on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Later that night, Monaghan's motion to ask for a meeting with MPP Chris Hodgson and MPP Norm Miller to discuss the funding issue was also passed unanimously.

With tongue firmly planted in cheek, chairman Rick Johnson said that the board has met once with Hodgson in the past four years.

"Oh boy," Monaghan replied.

Johnson said that he received a belated invitation to attend a meeting Hodgson will have with all school council chairs at LCVI in Lindsay next month. "I'm told he might find the time to speak with me" during a walk-about of the high school addition construction.

Repeated requests have been made for a meeting with Hodgson, Johnson said. In a recent letter, Hodgson was told "we are the largest employer in his riding and it's to his benefit if we sit down and talk about this."

School yard equipment

Recognizing the many physical and social benefits of outdoor play, the board wants to wisely spend the \$75,000 it's been given to improve schoolyard equipment.

But improving outdoor facilities does not just mean buying new jungle gyms or monkey bars, trustee Valerie Smith reported. At some schools they need hard surfaces for sports, trees for shade and perhaps even "passive play" areas where an outdoor game of chess could be played.

A committee has been set up to decide how to allocate the money. Smith said they could do it based on need, or by divvying up the money based on school

enrollment. A suggestion that schools raise matching funds was rejected because some schools didn't have the demographics to support this.

Schools throughout the board will be surveyed about their needs. It's hoped that any work that needs to be done will be finished by the start of the new school year.

Students at risk

A new committee is looking into what causes kids to drop out of school – and what can be done to prevent this from happening.

Not all students strive in a classroom setting and the board has the obligation to try to meet every student's needs as much as possible, trustee Bob Orr says.

"Every student should have the opportunity to succeed," he said. Maybe this means "they have to be challenged in different ways."

The committee, which is asking each high school to provide statistics on the programs they offer and drop out rates, meets next in Lindsay on April 8.

Group of Seven

Student trustee Tim Smith recently received an e-mail asking the "Group of Seven" to support a student in the Durham Catholic school board. This student, who is gay, is not being allowed to bring his male partner to the graduation dance.

The Group of Seven is comprised of student representatives from each of the seven high schools in the district. Tim said he was not asking for opinions about the request; instead, he wanted to know whether there were any board guidelines about how to respond.

Director of Education David Hill says there is nothing to prevent individual students from writing letters in support

of any issue. However, if the letter is to come from a formal body, such as the Group of Seven, there are some concerns.

"If you're writing on behalf of a school, you have to move cautiously because obviously you're not representing the views of everyone at your school," Hill said.

Hill is meeting with Group of Seven representatives on April 4 and the issue will be addressed at that time.

French immersion

A consultant will be hired for two years to "work in the curriculum department to support French immersion and core French teachers in the board. This consultant will also have other curriculum responsibilities as well as French."

Because of declining enrollment in the French immersion program at Gravenhurst Public School, the program will be transferred to Monck Public School in Bracebridge this September.

The board will also look into various transportation issues in Kawartha Lakes to make the French immersion programs more accessible to students.

District school council

Smith reported that at a recent gathering of representatives from school councils across the district, the following issues were raised:

- the need for teacher librarians and more books in libraries
- the lack of guidance counsellors in elementary schools
- colleges and universities may not be able to absorb the number of students who will graduate next year: the first graduates of the new four-year high school program and the last year of OAC students. The councils suggest looking into apprenticeships and trades training.

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No kidding.

An appetite for generosity

March 20 was a special night for the 4Cs, the volunteer organization that runs the local food bank. Ave Petch, on behalf of the 4Cs, came to the monthly meeting of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at McKeck's Place to accept a \$1,000 cheque. The money was raised at the HCHBA's fourth annual charity hockey tournament held in January. Making the presentation was president Wade Woodward, executive officer Aggie Tose, Jim Howe and Paul Mayo. Howe and Mayo were on the tournament's winning team, 'Howe About Mayo.'

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Presentation of Student Research

Every year for the past decade, students in the Bioregionalism course of the Canadian Studies Department at Trent University, have been conducting research in Haliburton County.

This year's research results will be presented at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Sunday, April 7th beginning at 1:30pm. All members of the community are invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

Research presentations will include:

- The History of Use of the Drag River
- The Value of the Arts to Haliburton County
- The Historic Use of Canoe Routes
- Minden Main Street Heritage
- Capacity Study of Little Cameron Lake

This event is supported by Trent University, U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research and the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

The Feast of Foods at Delta PineStone Resort on Saturday night.

Wow! If you weren't there, you missed all the excitement! Seafood with an international flare, delicate salads, hearty barbecued lamb, venison, beef and chicken, and exotic desserts were just the beginning. Gordon Cressey led an auction that generated more scholarship money than ever, and the Chefs' donation of two private Feasts ended the evening with a bang!

There are many people to thank for the successful evening.

First of all Delta PineStone Resort and Scott de Savoye for the generous donation of the Highlands Grand Ballroom.

The following suppliers also donated food, decorating materials and linens: Kawartha Dairy, Highlands Garden Produce, Leonards Produce, Grand View Farms, Tim-Br Mart, Signature Fine Foods, Allseas, Haliburton IGA, Export Packers, Qualifirst Foods, Canadian linen, Strano Sysco, Serca, Easton's Valu-Mart, Butcher Block and Butcher Shoppe.

Volunteer waiters were students from our Eco and Adventure Tourism Program, Meredith Armstrong, James Ireland, Dave Thurgar, Lisa Ferris, Brooke Suwala, Stacey Dunegan, and Elizabeth Matthews. Janna Bowskill Bolin, Michelle White and Charles Taylor from Haliburton secondary School also volunteered their time to help.

Artists from our community, students who have taken courses, and those who teach at the college generously donated pieces of their work to create a fun and exciting auction with stellar results. Lydia VanderStall, Marta Scythes, Rene Paul Pettijean, Anne Young Nicholas, Shelly Gifford, Owl River Rafting, Dorothy Rawsthorne, Lynda Shadbolt, Anke Lex, Charles O'Neil, Wayne Cardinelli, Margot Miller, Stephen Hogbin, David Risk, Paul Portelli, Thom Lambert, Peggy Burke, Brian Ateyo, Rod Prouse, and Mary Anne Barkhouse are all to be recognized and thanked.

And of course the chefs: Chris Carl of The Old Country House Restaurant, Alex McCracken, Ron Tenthor of Georges Henri Catering, Monty Miscio of Bonnie View Inn, David Snow of Sir Sandford Fleming in Peterborough, and Delta PineStone's own Gordon Skinner were amazing to watch as they practised their art.

More than \$20,000 was raised for our scholarship and bursary fund, all due to the generosity of these and all the people who attended the Feast. Thank you all for supporting our students and for being part of Sir Sandford Fleming College's future in Haliburton.

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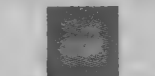
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County council questions Chamber's request for \$150,000

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plan. It not only outlines how the money will be spent, but also gives deadlines for the projects and ways to measure whether goals have been reached.

"I think we're in a position to prove ourselves to you," she said.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed supported Ferguson's confidence in the new board and its ability to turn the Chamber around financially.

"I've been very impressed with their enthusiasm," he said. "You've got a dedicated committee to work for you... They impressed me and I think they'll do the work. I think they deserve the chance."

Ferguson began her presentation by outlining the Chamber's past mistakes and plans to address them.

Following the Randolph Report, which set out a new role for the Chamber as the prime force behind economic development, the county increased the Chamber's funding threefold, from \$50,000 a year to \$150,000. This allowed the Chamber to tap into provincial funding of \$200,000. (The Chamber thought this funding would be ongoing; it turns out it was one-time funding.)

New staff was hired and a second office, at Heritage Plaza across from the information centre, was opened to house Rigby, his executive assistant and an event co-ordinator. This office cost \$16,000 a year.

"None of that money was budgetted for," Ferguson said. The office was closed last week.

Then, when Rigby presented the Chamber's budget to county council, his figures showed that the Chamber would provide \$100,000 towards the entire budget when in fact it only had \$50,000 to contribute.

"I don't know where the numbers came from"

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Chamber board president Diana Ferguson and vice-president Jim Henwood told county councillors that controls are in place to ensure the Chamber's financial problems aren't repeated.

Ferguson said, "so we were in the hole to start with."

This meant the Chamber spent money it didn't in fact have and "a lot of the county money was used to make up the shortfall," Ferguson said.

Expectations of revenue for the Destination Guide was also out of sync with reality. The Guide, which is a major marketing tool, generated \$35,000 in advertising yet cost \$50,000 to print. Ferguson said advertising rates will likely have to increase to cover most of the costs.

Another problem is that the increased funding allowed the Chamber to embark on several projects which now need new funding to be sustained.

For instance, there's the new county website, which will eventually include the county's website. It must be updated constantly to be of any value and that costs money. The Chamber has budgetted \$8,000 for it for this year, with half the money coming from partners.

The county maps are "flying out the door" and are so popular, the Chamber wants to print more of them at a cost of \$6,000. Other partners would provide \$4,500.

The creation of the map "wouldn't have happened without the provincial and county money, but it has now created a demand," she said.

There was however, some positive fallout from the increased funding, Ferguson added. Previously, the Chamber was primarily an information booth, handing out information and brochures.

"If we wanted to do more, we had to pay for it," she said of the need for more funds.

The Chamber wanted to expand its role as a business organization and focus on economic development.

Plans were put into place to achieve these goals, but unfortunately, the goals were not always reached. "I'm disappointed we didn't achieve more with economic development," she said. "We should have."

She said the past board had to accept some of the responsibility for these problems. "The previous board didn't ask the right questions [and] answers were taken verbatim."

However, the county also had a representative on the Chamber and "nothing came forward formally [from the county] about the lack of movement forward," Ferguson said. (Before Shortreed, who was appointed in January, the county's representative was Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.)

Commenting on the decision not to renew Rigby's contract, Ferguson said "this is never an easy task and is even more difficult for a volunteer board in a small community, but it had to be done. A subsequent review of our contractual obligations and funding expenditures over the past two years has served to reinforce our decision."

Today, after weeks of re-organization, the Chamber wants to move forward.

The second office at Heritage Plaza has been closed and space for executive assistant Heather Deveau and events co-ordinator Carol Moffatt has been found across the highway at the information centre. Karen Eager, one of the Chamber's four staff members has been laid off.

"Various directors," Ferguson says "have accepted supervisory responsibility and I along with Jim

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Board is confident checks and balances now in place

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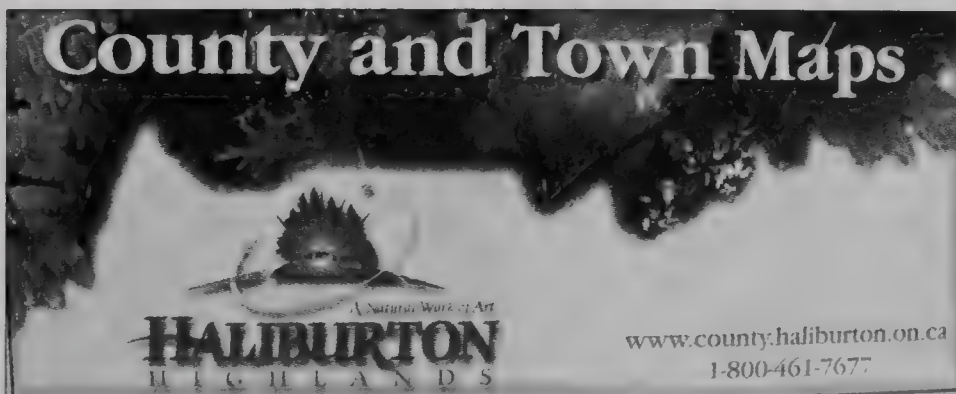
"This is not an ideal structure but fortunately our board is willing to step up to the plate and our staff have already demonstrated an enormous amount of initiative. Until such time as we can afford a general manager and quite frankly, until such time that the Chamber has demonstrated its capability to you, this is the way it will have to be.

"We are fortunate in having Bob Hall, a certified management accountant, as our treasurer. Bob too has been busy over the past two months, with the reviews, but also setting up our books of account, budget reporting and accounting practices for the future. This will enable us to understand where we stand on a timely basis. Expenditures and commitments will be allocated through a purchase order system that will require board and executive approvals. It is not enough to have our books in balance; they must also reflect a true picture of our finances, particularly with respect to the funding we receive from you and other government sources."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said "I don't mind supporting the Chamber but only if I know emphatically that it will be done differently and there will be accountability..."

"The Chamber of Commerce represents business and the least you could do is operate like a business."

He worried about what will happen when Ferguson and Henwood burn out from their increased responsibilities. "When you [Ferguson] get tired and Jim



The new map, done as a Chamber project, has "been flying out the office." Its popularity means there's the added expense of printing more copies.

gets tired, then we'll have to hire a general manager [on top of the \$150,000.]"

Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman said "we'll have trouble taking [the funding request] back to Highlands East when we really don't see a lot from the Chamber."

Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis asked if the \$150,000 could be pared down in any way.

"This is the bottom line," Ferguson said. "We brought it down from \$225,000 originally."

Davis also asked if the Chamber's membership has been adversely affected from the controversy surrounding the decision not to renew Peter Rigby's contract but Henwood said "we basically have the same membership numbers."

When Henwood said the Chamber has 254 members, he was asked how many potential members there are in the county. Ferguson said a directory says there are 1,600 businesses but they plan to do an audit of the phone book to check that

number. "My gut feeling is it will drop to 400."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said that in the 19 years he's been in business in Minden, he's only been approached by the Chamber once.

Henwood said "I think we're in a position to prove ourselves [to members and potential members.]"

Minden Hills Ross Rigney questioned the Chamber's total budget of \$264,000 if

\$150,000 was to come from the county and \$50,000 was to come from memberships and other Chamber funds. He was told that there was \$35,000 in income from the Destination Guild plus such things as trade show contributions and shared costs for specialty publications.

Rigney also said, apparently as a criticism, that "this is a tourism driven budget and has nothing to do with economic development."

In closing, Ferguson said "the Chamber has an excellent board of directors. They are focused, committed and capable of achieving a great deal. We also have an extraordinarily loyal staff, who in the past two months have accomplished an enormous amount at the cost of putting their lives on hold. We hope that we will be in a position to reward their contribution at some point, but in the meantime we are very grateful."

When the discussion ended, the Chamber was told its request would be considered in further detail during the county's budget negotiations, which begin next month.

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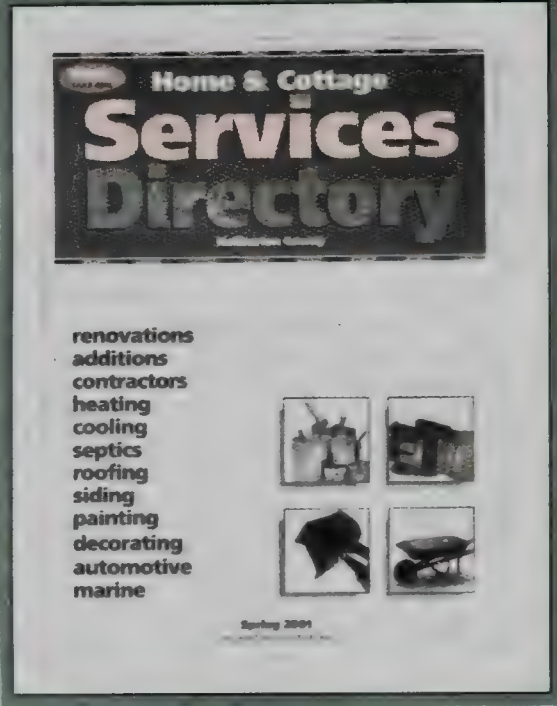
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THANKS

John Gunning finds a special way to show how much he appreciates the care he received at Haliburton Hospital

Features and photos by **MARTHA PERKINS**

ONE TUESDAY MORNING last August, Wendy Gunning gave her husband John an ultimatum: he could either be taken to the Haliburton Hospital by ambulance or he could be taken to the Haliburton Hospital by car.

It was the only decision he'd have to make in the next seven weeks.

John's coughing and wheezing, which had so worried his wife, turned out to be a serious case of double pneumonia. After one night at the Haliburton Hospital he was whisked away to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre where he spent three weeks in intensive care, two weeks in medical intensive care and one week on a regular ward before he was returned by ambulance for a two-week stay at the Haliburton Hospital.

During all of that time, he was amazed by the professional and caring attention he received from everyone he came in contact with.

"I felt total trust," he says, sitting comfortably in the living room of his Haliburton home several months later. "It felt like I had fallen into a net."

This sense of security – knowing that everything was being done to make him well by people he could have faith in – was an important part of his recovery.

"It takes away all the extraneous cares and allows you to focus on getting better. There are no concerns about anything. It's all taken care of, and it's taken care of so quickly, it's outstanding."

A couple of weeks ago, Gunning happened to be sitting at his computer, writing out what he wanted to happen should he ever face another medical emergency. He and his wife were updating their wills – it's something they do every several years – and as he was forming his thoughts about his living will, he suddenly had an inspiration. Why not leave a bequest to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation as a way of saying thanks?

"I couldn't believe I had never thought of doing it before," he says. (The Gunnings' business, County Commercial Printers, had even printed out all the brochures for the Foundation's Special Gift program, which outlines other ways of giving, such as bequests.) "Only because it was time to renew my will did I think about leaving a bequest. It was very propitious timing. Why it took all that to make me think of it... I guess it's because you usually forget all about your will."

His first phone call was to Wendy. "I told her what I wanted to do and she said 'go for it.'"

Then he called Dale Walker, the Foundation's general manager. He thought it might be complicated to leave a bequest and was surprised when she told him how easy it was.

"It's a new type of giving," she says. "It's not getting out your chequebook and writing a cheque. It involves thinking and planning and often people think it's difficult to do. But it's easy."

In Gunning's case, all he had to do was ask his lawyer to include a sentence in his will saying the dollar figure he wanted to leave to the Foundation. He didn't have to tell the Foundation of his intention or the amount.

There are other types of special gifts such as taking out an insurance policy with the Foundation as a beneficiary or giving securities to the Foundation. There's generally a tax incentive for this type of donation and it's imperative that a person talks over the various options with their accountant or financial planner.

But a simple bequest is as simple as a phone call to your lawyer.

John and Wendy Gunning are already big supporters of the Foundation in several ways. They believe in being altruistic and giving something to their community. Healthcare has always been one of the beneficiaries of their generosity because "there are always more requirements (for services) than there are tax dollars to meet them."

But there are always limits to how much anyone can give.

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"It was probably the only great experience you don't want to repeat,"

John Gunning says of his stay at Haliburton Hospital and the Peterborough Regional Health Centre

A CARING PLACE

"There wasn't any area of my care that I would change or improve."

L YING IN HIS HOSPITAL BED and watching a news program about the troubles facing our hospitals, John Gunning was perplexed.

In the weeks he was at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre and Haliburton Hospital, he received nothing but outstanding care. The doctors were all highly skilled, their assessment of his needs always on the mark. The nurses and other healthcare professionals were attentive, skilled and genuinely caring. If he needed a test, he got it.

Yet the newscast was telling him that healthcare in Ontario was in disarray, that staff was unhappy, that patients weren't

being cared for. Who to believe – the television reporter or his own experiences?

He says "The comments (on television) were pernicious and if it wasn't so tragic what people were saying, it was comical because it was so far off the mark."

Granted, when he was first admitted to hospital for double pneumonia, "I was concerned because of all the stuff I'd read and heard about hospital workers being hostile towards the government and was questioning whether that would affect patient care. Absolutely not. I didn't find that hostility at all."

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HEALTHCARE AT WORK

During his seven weeks in hospital and recuperation at home, John Gunning's faith in the system wasn't ill-placed

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"In fact, I don't know how nurses can be that caring, day in, day out. You have to have a different personality to go into that field."

Looking back on his seven weeks in hospital, and the home care he received for a few weeks after that, "it was probably the only great experience you don't want to repeat," he says with a laugh.

It all started in August. He and his wife Wendy had just returned from a holiday in Florida and were spending the Civic Holiday weekend in London visiting with friends and family. It was during that heat wave, remember?

On the Friday, he had an "incredible" round of golf in +30° temperatures. He was back the next day but found he wasn't playing as well. "I just chalked it up to having an off day." By the 14th green, however, he felt very weak and had a hard time carrying on.

"I started to go downhill that night," he says of his chills and overall feeling of weakness.

On Sunday, Wendy drove them back to Haliburton. He continued to get worse and by Tuesday morning, she forced him to go to the emergency department at the Haliburton Hospital.

Several tests were done and he stayed the night as his doctor, Norm Bottum, and the nurses continued to monitor his care. The next day, the tests results confirmed what Dr. Bottum had suspected: John had double pneumonia.

Since it was a serious case, and there was a risk it would affect his kidney functions (which it did), Dr. Bottum called Peterborough Regional Health Centre to arrange a room there. Fifteen minutes later, an ambulance was waiting at the door to take Gunning and a nurse down to Peterborough.

It was a good move. Gunning's condition quickly worsened and he spent three weeks in the intensive care unit, weak and generally unaware of what was going on around him. He spent another two weeks in the medical intensive care unit (where the ratio of nurses to patients is slightly lower) before being moved to a semi-private room.

Once the pneumonia was stabilized

and there was no need for frequent trips back to Peterborough for more tests, Gunning was transferred back to Haliburton Hospital.

"I felt happier being here because I was on home turf and was close to friends and family," he says. "But the care didn't diminish in a small hospital."

He was particularly grateful that being in Haliburton put less of a strain on Wendy, who if there were frequent flier points for drivers, would have earned a trip around the world with all the trips she made back and forth to Peterborough.

After two weeks, he gradually gained enough strength to go home, but everyone knew he'd still need nursing care. One afternoon Stephanie Smith, a nurse at Haliburton Hospital, came into his room and said "well, we'll have to arrange home care for you."

When she stepped out of the room, Gunning worried about how all the aspects of his care at home would come together. He was therefore amazed a few minutes later when Smith returned and said it was all taken care of. She had called the access centre, who sent a case worker to the hospital to talk to Gunning about his needs, which included daily nursing care and oxygen supplies.

"Everything was done and looked after when I came home," he says, still amazed at the efficiency of it all. "As a patient I didn't have to do anything except give them my address."

He knows that some people haven't had as much luck getting the services they need, but in his case, everything quickly fell into place. Although he had to be a bit accommodating in co-ordinating schedules, every aspect of his care was available. Some extra services he had to pay for – such as the foot massages and therapeutic touch that helped him cope with having to spend so much time in bed – but every essential service fell under the auspices of the healthcare system.

Thinking back on all the media reports about the "crisis" in Ontario's healthcare, he can only shake his head. "The actuality is so different from what you read about," he says. "There wasn't any area of my care that I would change or improve."



Donna Medland, a volunteer with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, poses with the new generation of teddy bears which are being sold for \$20 each to raise money for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Bequest is another way of giving

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"You need money for living," he says, "so if I donate now, it has to come out of my daily living expenses."

By leaving a bequest, the money comes out of the estate. Although Gunning was in no way motivated by any thoughts of tax benefits, leaving a donation when you die has the same sort of tax benefit as leaving a donation when you're alive.

Hugh Nichol, the Foundation's special gift program chairman, says that when you die, and there's no surviving spouse, you're deemed to dispose of all your assets at fair market value – and then you get taxed on the income. In your final tax return, your executor can then use the bequest as a charitable donation to get a deduction in the taxes.

Nichol says the advantages of leaving a bequest are "you can keep your money and use it to your benefit when you're alive and when you die, your wishes (of

leaving a donation) are fulfilled and you do get a tax deduction."

"It's just another way of helping the hospital in addition to what we're doing now," Gunning says. "Our hospital is of vital necessity to the community. It's up to us to do our share."

"They're important gifts to us," Dale Walker says of the bequests. Even though the Foundation doesn't know when the bequests will come in or how much they'll be, the money is always needed and appreciated. Even after the capital campaign is paid for, there will always be ongoing projects for enhancing the local facilities.

As well, by leaving a bequest, Gunning says "it's a matter of knowing what you really want to happen will happen."

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World renowned Canadian ballet dancer Frank Augustyn ran a three-day work shop at the Heritage Ballet Studio in Haliburton. The 28-year veteran of the stage also had a presentation at the Wigamog Inn to help with a general understanding of the art form.

photos by, Darren Lum



clockwise, top: Augustyn demonstrates to the students.

below top: Julie Barban leaps high completing a grand jete.

above: Augustyn performs a grands battement a la seconde.

left: Augustyn effortlessly completes a pirouette.

far left: Augustyn watches students perform tomps de cuis in unison.



Supermarket tours promote healthy shopping habits

Local residents can learn to shop healthy by taking part in upcoming supermarket tours planned for Haliburton County.

The free supermarket tours are being organized by Health for Life - Haliburton County's new health promotion program.

During each tour, a registered dietitian will take participants aisle-by-aisle through a local grocery store. Participants will learn how to make healthy food choices, especially opting for low-fat, high-fibre choices that help reduce the risk of developing heart disease and diabetes. Dietitians will also teach people how to read food labels, understand ingredients lists and assess health claims made on products.

At the end of each supermarket tour, participants will receive a take-home kit packed with nutrition information and health guides.

"The tours are a great kick start for people who are interested in losing weight and for families with young children who want to develop healthy eating habits," says Rosie Kadwell, a Public Health Dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Take the tour and learn from an expert about how to shop smart for your health. Your next trip to the supermarket will never be the same."

People must pre-register for the tours, which are free and last about 90 minutes. Space is limited, so call now. Tours are set for:

- Thursday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in Minden.
- Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in Haliburton.
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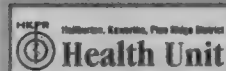
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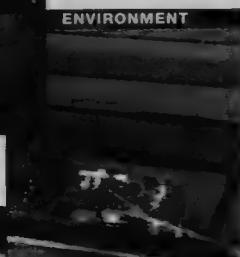
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Trails & Tours

by Barrie Martin

From January to May 2001, John Marsh of Trail Studies Unit, Trent University, lived in England and conducted research on the planning and management of protected areas, the countryside and trails. Here are a few of his observations about trails in England.

1. For historical reasons, England probably has more kilometers of trails per hectare and per person than any other country.

2. Most trails, while often on private land, have a legal status that guarantees public access and makes them very difficult to close or eliminate.

3. In addition to numerous short, local trails, there are long distance trails, trails along canals and an increasing number of rail-trails. Some trails are recognized as part of a European network of trails.

4. Over the last five years the central government has

embarked on a strategy, now largely implemented, to do the following:

- Confirm the legal status of all trails
- Show all legal trails on detailed Ordnance Survey maps
- Bring all these trails up to a high standard of maintenance
- Ensure all such trails are properly and comprehensively signposted
- Encourage appropriate use through educational

and legal means

f. Undertake the above with the help of paid staff and partners.

1. The dominant use of this trail system is for walking, which occurs year round.

2. New trails and routes are being provided for cyclists and equestrians.

3. A recent research report on multi-use trails indicated that there were few conflicts between various trail users, despite some perceptions to the contrary.

4. Heavy use of trails in sensitive areas has produced unacceptable environmental impacts that are generally being rectified by surfacing such trails with various types of natural and artificial materials.

5. Despite some environmental impacts and crowding no restrictions have been placed on levels of use and no fees for use are being charged.

6. Fees are often imposed for parking at trail heads and for maps and interpretive materials on trails.

7. Most counties have appointed paid staff to develop, manage and maintain trails, though they are usually assisted by non-government organizations, such as the Ramblers Association, and volunteers.

8. There are some problems with littering and vandalism on trails, and from theft from cars at trailheads.

9. By Canadian standards, large amounts of government funding are being spent on developing, managing and publicizing this trail network.

10. While most trail users are from the U.K., some trails get considerable use by foreign tourists, and their importance especially to the rural economy is recognized.

11. The recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease led to the closure of most trails, and some parks, in England, including some in cities.

12. There is an ongoing debate concerning the necessity for this, and the timing of reopening trails. Those concerned with farming tend to want trails closed, while many tourist interests now want them reopened. When I left the UK in late May, the disease was said to be under control, there being few new outbreaks, but a majority of trails were still closed.

13. It is not clear whether the closure of trails had much impact on the spread or control of the disease.

14. As a result of the closure of trails, many people stopped visiting the countryside and the rural tourism economy suffered considerably. This was unfortunate but it increased the appreciation, especially by politicians, of the social and economic importance of trails.

15. There is a very considerable literature on trails in England (from brochures to research reports), much of which can be found on the Internet. Some of this literature is available for inspection at the Trail Studies Unit at Trent University:

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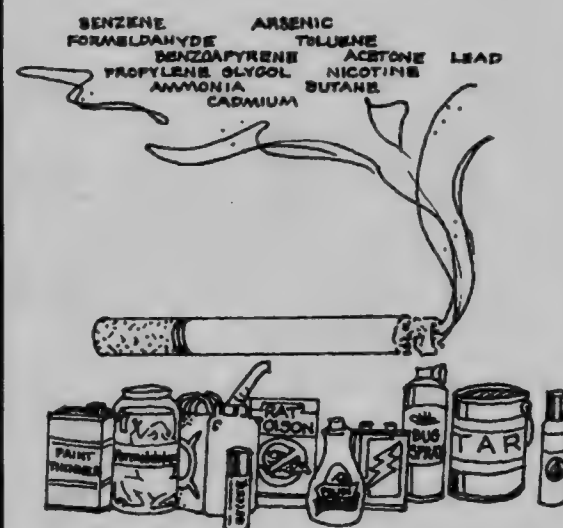
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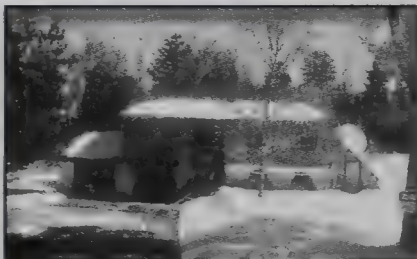
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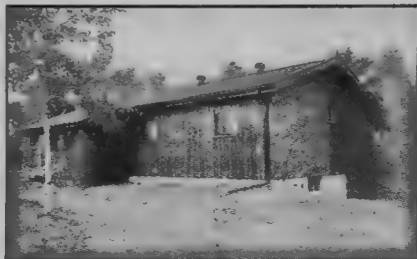
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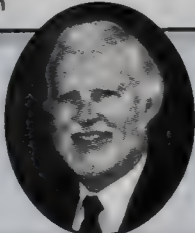
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Remember years ago when people, who played this ancient game, were considered "nerdy"? That is not the case now. It is considered "really cool" and many of these young players told me they started to play when in kindergarten. Numerous players such as Ricky Coughlin of Harcourt enjoy playing chess at home and they compete against family members. Ricky, in particular, enjoys testing his strategies out on his Grandpa Tom Coghlan. The children were so enthusiastic and it was more than evident they really enjoyed playing chess.

There is another side to the game of chess. Playing chess is considered to be a great way to increase intellectual development and increase English, math and reading skills. It also teaches valuable "real world" skills and encourages friendly competition between boys and girls.

This is a real bonus for students of our Haliburton schools.

Many thanks to teacher Blake Paton who organized this special event and thanks to all the parent volunteers and T.L.D.S.B. teaching staff who assisted Blake. Thank you also to Highlands East Municipality for the use of the Glamorgan Community Centre facilities. The students of Haliburton County are once again most fortunate to have this great support network behind them.

Congratulations to all 25 chess players from Stuart Baker E.S.; 16 players from Wilberforce; 28 players from Gooderham; 52 players from J.D. Hodgson and 54 from Archie Stouffer who competed on Friday. From these schools there were 9 entrants from grade one - highest score obtained 4 points; 10 entrants from Grade 2 - highest



Jordan Lesich, a Grade 7 student from JDHES, lets out a celebratory yell in his chess match against Brandon Loney, Grade 7 during the district chess championship held in Gooderham recently.

score obtained 3 points; 36 entrants from Grade 3 - highest score obtained 5.5 points; 19 entrants from Grade 4 - highest score obtained 5 points; 41 entrants from Grade 5 - highest score obtained 5.5 points; 37 entrants from Grade 6 - highest score obtained 5.5 points; 6 entrants from Grade 7 - highest score obtained 4 points; and 8 entrants from Grade 8 - highest score obtained 3 points.

We wish the best of luck to all students in Grades 1 to 12 who enter the 2002 Haliburton Scholastic Chess Provincial Qualifying Tournament to be hosted at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Saturday, April 6, and to all entering the 2002 Central Ontario Chess Challenge to be hosted at L.C.V.I. in Lindsay Saturday, April 13. Thank you once again to Blake Paton for organizing these two tournaments.

The auction went well at Harcourt Community Centre on the 23rd. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed the morning as many household items were auctioned off. On the other hand the men were not so delighted as they waited patiently for the good stuff, like tools, to be held up for bids. Many of both the ladies and gentlemen went home very pleased with their new treasures.

"Share the Dream and Magic" was enjoyed by an arena full of family and friends who came to watch the Monmouth's Recreational Figure Skating Club's presentation. There were performers of all ages - from the young "Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo" skaters to the not so young "Welcome Back" guest skaters. Roses for everyone for a job well done and special long stem roses to Harcourt's Cindy Baumhour, Kathy Rogers and Andrea Hillo for their part in the reunion of past club members' presentation. Just a great evening!

I had really hoped the first day of spring would have been more favourable. The sap has stopped running and I guess the patience I had been saving for brook trout fishing I will have to put toward remaining calm as I continue to battle with the ladybug epidemic. I do hope weather conditions soon become favourable for those who enjoy tapping trees. Mel and I did get to enjoy some very fine maple syrup on our pancakes the other morning compliments of Alan Watson who taps approximately 75 maple trees and boils the sap down. It is a true "labour of love" - he collects 40 plus gallons of sap and boils it down to makes just one gallon of syrup. Allan, thanks for sharing your

bounty.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to: Sonny Pacey and Ross Covert.

April 12 - Regardless of the weather we will "Rock into Spring" at the Harcourt Community Centre with a PRE TEEN DANCE from 8 to 11 p.m.. Cost is \$3. D.J. will provide music. Ages 7-16 welcome.

April 20 - Come out and enjoy dancing to the sounds of "Coulas Country". Cost is \$15 a couple or \$8 single. Time: 9:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.

April 22 - Members of the Harcourt Youth Group will start "Pitch-In Week" off with a "PITCH-IN CLEAN UP HARCOURT COMMUNITY" evening. Come out and give the kids a hand. More information available from Cindy, 448 3624.

June 28 - Year end youth clean-up day, barbeque and school-year end pre-teen dance.

July 12 - Harcourt Community Centre Big Bingo

July 12, 13, and 14th - Harcourt 3rd annual three-pitch tournament. Contact Mel or Valerie Smith to enter your team - 448 3640.

July 13 - baseball tourney dance. "Yeah Baby" will be playing.

August 3rd - yet to be given a name "trash and treasure sale" will be held at the Harcourt Community Centre. This flea market and yard sale will be an opportunity for people to purchase space to sell used items, crafts, etc. Rain date: August 4th. Contact Melanie Lewis to reserve your space - 448 2246

August 24 - Community PotLuck Dinner followed by a special performance Tony, Judy, Greg, Megan, Danny and Willy Fitzgerald will be back with us with reels and dancing.

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Smart snacking activities promote dental health to local students

Smart snacking is the focus of a new campaign starting next month to improve the dental health of students.

To mark Dental Health Month in April, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will educate parents, teachers and students about the importance of wise snacking to reduce levels of tooth decay in young people.

"Ignorance is not bliss when the poor eating habits of some children are causing their teeth to decay," says Carol Moore-Collins, a Certified Dental Assistant with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Statistics from the Health Unit show as many as one-third of elementary school students in Haliburton and Northumberland counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes have urgent dental

needs. These include requiring tooth fillings or extractions.

"Smart snacking in combination with regular brushing, flossing and dental checkups will help local students have healthy teeth," says Moore-Collins.

The key is convincing young people

April is dental health month

and parents to opt for "smart" snacks such as cheese, fruits, vegetables and nuts instead of sugary and starchy foods that contribute to tooth decay, Moore-Collins adds.

Several activities will be used during Dental Health Month to promote the message.

During the first week of April, dental

staff from the Health Unit will visit selected Grade 2 classes at schools in Haliburton and Northumberland counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes to launch the Healthy Snack Challenge. Students will get a lesson in smart snacking while being challenged to bring den-

efforts recognized," says Moore-Collins. "But to ensure that children receive consistent health messages and to reduce the risk of tooth decay, we need to reward them with non-food items."

Other tips parents should consider to boost the dental health of their children include:

- Stocking their homes with smart snacks so children won't be tempted by sweets.

- Encouraging consistent times for snacking. Up to three snacks a day is a healthy pattern to follow. Discourage day-long nibbling and prolonged sipping of drinks containing sugar which lead to tooth decay.

- Teaching children to brush and floss after eating, but especially before going to bed.

Minor Amendment

Algonquin Park Forest 2000-2020 Forest Management Plan

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) invite you to inspect and comment on a proposed minor amendment to the Algonquin Park Forest management plan.

The AFA is proposing to construct approximately 1.5 kilometers of secondary road on the Tim Lake Road not originally planned for in this FMP. This will result in a more efficient hauling pattern and will reduce truck traffic in Algonquin Park. This proposed roadwork was reviewed and approved under the 1995-2015 management plan but was not completed.

The minor amendment will be available for public inspection at the MNR's Algonquin Park offices in Whitney and Pembroke during normal office hours until April 12, 2002. Viewing after office hours may be arranged. Please call ahead to ensure someone is available to assist you with the inspection.

Further public consultation may be required if concerns are raised regarding this amendment. If there are no unresolved concerns by April 12, 2002 and the appropriate planning requirements are finalized, the amendment will be approved by the MNR's Algonquin Park Superintendent/District Manager. You can make a request at any time during the forest management planning process to seek resolution of issues with the plan author, the MNR's Algonquin Park Superintendent/District Manager or the MNR's Southcentral Regional Director.

A Local Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC) has been formed to represent the interests of the forest users in this area during the preparation and implementation of the Algonquin Park FMP. The LCAC has reviewed this amendment.

The MNR is collecting comments and information regarding this minor amendment under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the forest management plan period and may be included in study documentation, which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)* personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Kevin Hein at (613) 637-2780 ext. 201.

Please submit your comments by April 12, 2002. For further information or if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact:

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Algonquin Office
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Tel.: (613) 732-5550
Attn: Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F.

Algonquin Forestry Authority
Huntsville Office
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Public Inspection

Approved 2002/2003 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2002/2003 annual work schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit.

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003.

For further information about tree planting jobs on the management unit, please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below).

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the below addresses.

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority, or the ministry at the addresses below:

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April 15, 2002

Sweet taste of spring attracts 400 to breakfast

The Recreation Committee here in Wilberforce were pleased to present the annual Maple Festival Day on Easter Saturday. It was highlighted with the serving of delicious maple syrup on hot pancakes and sausages to about four hundred people during the breakfast to lunch time. The Rec. Comm. appreciates that so many people came to partake of the meal and to find some treasures on the craft tables. The display and video about Maple Syrup making now and in the years gone by was of considerable interest as was the Northern Gold table of maple products. A big hurrah to Kathy Rogers, her committee and all the great volunteers who willingly work to make Maple Fest a good event to take in annually on Easter Saturday. It was a special place to visit with friends and to receive chocolate treats (not threats) from the Easter bunny.

Joyous Easter services in the churches in this area, Harcourt, Highland Grove, Gooderham and Wilberforce, were the culmination of a holy week which began on Palm Sunday. From the solemn Good Friday services and vigils to the happy Easter time of praise and worship, the clergy and people of our churches celebrated their faith at this the holiest season of the Christian year.

We are saddened by the death of Elizabeth, the Queen Mother on Easter Saturday, March 30, 2002. It has been said she was the Queen of all the 20th Century. What a long and wonderful life she lived. A truly amazing lady.

Sheila Barnes and Betty Hayward were the lucky winners of the Seniors' grocery baskets.

There will be Story Times at the Library in Wilberforce on Thursday, April 4 and April 18 at 2 p.m. All are welcome for these special times. Bring

the children and stay yourselves. Or just come to enjoy the stories and the children.

The Curling Club was alive with diners on Wed. March 27 as members and friends enjoyed a meal and an evening together. With the sudden failure of the ice making machinery on February 26, curling came to an unexpected, abrupt halt. No time to wind down gradually. No little social times for the various leagues. So this supper was a pleasant event with as many as could coming out to share some time together and to officially end the curling club year. In the club fund raiser, the curling broom autographed by Guy Hemmings and donated by Agnew's General store was won by James Kruk. The dinner for two at the Algonquin Cookhouse donated by H. Clark and the

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Hundreds rushed in to savour the pancakes and sausage at the annual Highlands East Recreation Committee's pancake breakfast in Wilberforce on Saturday morning. The Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre has been host to the event for some 15 years. Money raised will help pay for town signs, banners, flags and community centre benches.

Bed and Breakfast was won by Linda Brown. Brunch for two donated by Roberta and Max Walsh and the Bostonian motel was won by Vida Dowdell. Thanks to all especially Ann Meharrie, Colleen Ward,

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- **Apr. 4: L.I.F.T. - Ladies in Fellowship Together** at West Guilford Recreation Centre, Thursday, April 4th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Theme: Tee Time! Speaker: Lyn Kohls (Peterborough). Music: Jane vanNood. Feature: Diane Brackenbury, Certified Golf Instructor. Information call: Alice 754-2808 or Lyn 457-3155.
- **Apr. 6: Saturday - Maplefest** "All you can eat" Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church Rd. off County Rd #1.
- **Apr. 6-7: Maplefest** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The maple syrup producers invite you and your families to come and visit them at their sugarhouses to enjoy the sweet taste of spring. Watch for Molly Maple signs at participating superhouses. Rubber boots recommended. For more information call Louise (705) 286-3705.
- **Apr. 7: The Haliburton Highland Museum** is hosting a presentation of research papers of local interest by Trent University students on Sunday, April 7th at 1:30 p.m. Join us for some lively informative discussion and refreshments.
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- **Apr. 9: The Highland Weavers and Spinners** will hold their April Meeting at Pritchard House, Minden at 1:30. Program will be a preamble for Synthetic Dyes. Dye day to be announced.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office.

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160 FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent. Call 457-2054.

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APARTMENT FOR RENT - Haliburton 118 and Harburn. Formerly Reynolds Apartments. 1 bedroom, open concept, fridge and stove included. Washer and dryers on premises. \$500. month plus utilities. Ask for Debra 457-4020. Available May 1/02.

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ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT between Minden and Haliburton, along Hwy. 121, nearby two great lakes. Perfect for singles, \$485/mo., utilities included, first and last, references. No pets. Available immediately. Please call Carmen at 457-8849 or (416) 454-3397.

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ROOM TO RENT in Town. Please call and leave message. Will discuss further details. Call 457-9150.

SMALL BRICK BUNGALOW - like new, Gooderham, steps to store and beach. Ideal for retired couple or single. \$375/month plus utilities. First and last, references. Call 447-2367.

170 WANTED TO RENT

LARGE SPACIOUS 1 BEDROOM - Private drive and entrance. No pets. \$450. utilities incl. Gooderham area. Close to town and beach. Call 447-3205.

NICE, SMALL FAMILY - excellent references, non-smokers, need to rent a home. Work 457-4030 ex. 243 and home 457-3667.

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180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ACCESS TO A COMPUTER? - Work from home on-line. \$2,000 p/t - \$5,000 f/t per month. www.boomto-wealth.com. Call (866) 200-0558.

200 HELP WANTED

2 SUMMER JOBS available for college/university students. 12 week positions (35 hr./wk) as Assistant Respite Coordinator and Assistant Resource consultant with children with special needs. Background in ECE, Social Service Worker, Psychology or Recreation. Vehicle required. \$9/hour plus travel allowance. Full job description available at Family Services Office in Haliburton, or Haliburton Employment Resource Centre. Send resume to Barb Fraser, Family Services, Box 1306, Haliburton KOM 1S0 before Apr. 16.

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BOOKKEEPER/OFFICE MANAGER - Experienced with strong knowledge of computer accounting packages including Quick Books. Good working knowledge and proficiency of windows environment (MS Word, Excel, E-mail). Superior Communication and organizational skills with an excellent telephone manner and professional attitude. proven ability to work in a high paced environment with multi tasks. The position requires strong customer service orientation and flexible hours. Energetic, pleasant, self-motivated, independent candidate is required with ability to learn other computer programs, including payroll, specific to the business. Please send resume to: Box "E", c/o The Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. KOM 1S0 by April 20th. Only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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CARPENTER AND CARPENTER ASSISTANT required, experience and transportation necessary. Call 457-2123.

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DELTA PINESTONE RESORT is now hiring seasonal positions from **April to October** for **Food & Beverage, Kitchen, Housekeeping, Guest Services, Accounting, Pro Shop and Golf Course** Permanent job opportunities include: **Junior Sous Chef and Financial Services Associate.** Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply by fax to (705) 457-9755 or drop by to fill out an application.

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EXPERIENCED MEAT CUTTER - seasonal work. Just call 286-1121.

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FULL TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT. Licensed marine mechanic. Experience with Mercruiser and Volvo stern drives, Mercury and other outboard motors. Hourly wage to be discussed based on qualifications. Call Lake of Bays Marine (705) 766-2488. Fax (705) 766-9082.

HIGHLAND GARDEN PRODUCE is looking for part-time help. Several positions available. Drop off resume, or phone 457-9228.

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - Backhoe, Dozer operators, Final Grade Operator needed. Top wages. GTA area, General Landscape Labourers needed. April 1st - Dec. 15th. Call (905) 722-9720.

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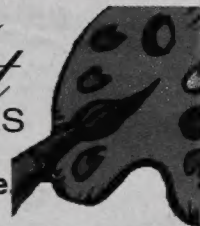
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200 HELP WANTED

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Registered Physiotherapists required for part-time and occasional home care caseload in the Haliburton and Wilberforce area. Excellent working conditions and remuneration.

Fax or email resumes, in confidence, to:
Laurie Davis, Executive Director
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Email: laurie.therapacc@sympatico.ca

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT needed for local camp. April-October, good physical cond., must be able to perform a variety of general maintenance tasks, be self-motivated and enjoy working around children. Call 286-6394, for interview. CA

MALE AND FEMALE Summer Respite Workers, (6 positions available) to work one-on-one with children with special needs at local camps and in community settings. Experience working with children and a background in sports and recreation (fishing, hiking, swimming, crafts) are essential. Positions for 9 weeks, 35-40 hours/week, \$8.50/hour, plus travel allowance. Vehicle required. Send resume to Barb Fraser, Family Services, Box 1306, Haliburton, K0M 1S0, before April 16. CA

MATURE ADULT for part-time retail sales. Must be available on weekends. Available immediately. Apply Country Pickin's in person (no phone calls please). CA

PERSON REQUIRED for summer season cooking. The position entails cooking breakfasts and baking desserts, Sat.-Thurs. mornings, plus preparing 3 meals Tues. (full day). Approx. 30 hr./wk. June 13-Sept. 2. Must be able to work Thanksgiving weekend, Sat. Oct. 12 through Mon. Oct. 14. Salary negotiable, commensurate with experience. Please send resume with references to Miners' Bay Lodge, R.R. #1, Norland, K0M 2L0, or fax 286-2978.

210 SKILLED HELP

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Customer Service Insurance Position Available

Full time position. R.I.B.O. license required. Experience with Tabs Signassure, Windows 95, word perfect, excel and accounting skills an asset. Positive personality with ability to work as a team member in a smoke free environment. Salaried position with group benefits. Please mail resume to: Dawson Insurance Brokers Ltd. P.O. Box 515, One York Lane, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Attn: Arthur Dawson - Confidential. We thank you for your enquiry.

250 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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- For more information, please call
(705) 457-2020
ask for Denise or Bernie

TWO CLEANERS needed for summer resort spring cleaning (Mon-Fri) May 1-June 12, 40 hrs/wk, \$8.25 hr. One of these positions will continue into summer housekeeping duties (Tues.-Sat.) June 13 through Labour Day and some work after Labour Day. Send resume with references to: Miners' Bay Lodge, R.R. #1, Norland, K0M 2L0 or fax 286-2978.

VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED, The Kawartha-Haliburton C.A.S. - This agency is established to protect children and promote their best interests under the mandate of the Child and Family Services Act. The Agency covers the Counties of Peterborough, Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes with meetings generally occurring at Peterborough. The board is particularly interested in new members with expertise in finance, law or medicine although other backgrounds will be considered. You must be at least 18 years of age. As a volunteer Board Member you would be expected to commit approximately 4-6 hours per month. Members are reimbursed for expenses. If interested send resume, prior to April 19, 2002 to: Shirl Taylor, The Kawartha-Haliburton CAS, 1100 Chemong Rd., Peterborough, Ont. K9H 7S2. CA

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260 SERVICES

THE WINDOW GUY, fully insured, residential and commercial window cleaning, year round, serving Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Haliburton and Minden. Call 457-9239.

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270 HEALTH & FITNESS

STEP IT FITNESS spring session start April 1/June 6. Step, Wts. Ball, Certified Instructors. Noon hour and evening classes. Call 457-1052, ask for Jane for info.

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290 COMING EVENTS

BUS TRIP
 to
CANADIAN SEWING AND NEEDLEWORK FESTIVAL
 (International Centre-Toronto) and
Etobicoke Quilt Show
 Admission \$4
 (Neilson Park Creative Centre)
Friday, April 19, 2002
 Tickets: Adults \$40.
 Seniors (60+) \$38.
 (Price includes bus trip and admission to the Sewing and Needlework Festival)
 Sponsored by
"Haliburton Highland Quilters"
 Advanced ticket deadline
 April 10th
 For further details call: Marg
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 Every Wednesday
 EARLY BIRD • 50/50 SPLIT
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 April 3 - June 27
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 "Pre-Registration Required"
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RITA MacNEIL
 in Concert
Friday, April 12th - 8:00 p.m.
 Lindsay Academy Theatre.
 Tickets: (705) 324-9111

WINTERGREEN
MAPLE SYRUP & PANCAKE BARN
 In Gelert is open every Saturday and Sunday from March 2nd to April 28th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and tour the bush, enjoy taffy-on-snow (1:30 p.m. each day), enjoy a meal and view the production of maple syrup. A great family adventure. Call for more information 286-3202 or fax 286-3358. Please phone ahead for large groupings.

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The ECHO Classifieds
457-1037

300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANK TATTERSALL
A Celebration of Life
 Memorial Service to be held
Sat. April 6th
1:00 p.m.
 at
Legion Branch #129,
Haliburton.

Haliburton Legion
SUNDAY BREAKFAST BRUNCH
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Upstairs In Our
SMOKE FREE Auditorium
 Pancakes Or Eggs
 Bacon Or Sausage
 Home Fries, Toast, Juice
 Coffee Or Tea
 \$4.00
Sunday, April 7

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ROAD CLOSING: The right-of-way through Lot 8, Conc. 1, Dysart to Morgan Estates will be closed to all traffic for 24 hours from 12 noon, April 4th, 2002. **Harvey M. Clarke.**

The Stanhope Heritage Museum
 presents
AN EVENING WITH ...
 An informative and lively series of presentations
 2nd Tuesday of each month at
 Club 35, Halls Lake at 7 p.m.
 Admission by donation
 Refreshments
April 9:
"A Dinosaur in Haliburton"
 Yup. Join members of the
 Haliburton Outdoors Association as they spin the tale of finding the 'Haliburton Gold'. A 10,000 year-old type of fish - right here in the Highlands! Featuring displays and info about the Fish Hatchery and its importance to our community.
May 14:
"Where Has all the Water Gone?"
 Geologist John Etches explains why our lakes are depleted each year and demonstrates the process with a working model.
 For more information call
Carol Moffatt at 489-3554

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WEST GUILFORD RECREATION CENTRE
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340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

WHITE'S AUCTION SALE
Saturday, April 6 - 10 a.m.
 Sale to be held at the
 Faraday Community Centre.
 From Bancroft Take Hwy 28S
 approx. 8 kms to
 Lower Faraday Rd.,
 (beside Bow Lake Variety)
 Sale to consist of furniture including 9 pc. dining room suite, household goods, antiques including Circa 1950's RCA SQ Box TV on box stand and Westinghouse floor model radio, collectibles, tools and miscellaneous items. Many more items too numerous to mention. Payment by cash, Visa, Interac, MasterCard and cheque with 2 pcs ID. Lunch available. Auctioneer not responsible for lost or stolen items. **White's Auction Service** (613) 339-2350, Fax: (613) 339-1572, E-mail: whites.auction@sympatico.ca

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370 BIRTHDAYS



Dear Dawson,
 Happy 2nd Birthday
 to our little
 "teletubbie".
 Group hugs from
 Grandma and Grandad

380 BIRTHS

PATON - Blake and Jennifer are very happy to announce the arrival of
CHARLOTTE ANNE
 8 lbs., 4 ozs.
 on Saturday, March 16, 2002 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre. Betty welcomes her little sister, a seventh grandchild for Logie and Libby MacDonnell of Haliburton and a third granddaughter for Barbara Festeryga of Port Perry and Garth Paton of Fredericton. We are especially grateful to Dr. Gammon, Dr. Ferracuti and the labour and delivery nurses in Peterborough for taking such good care of Jen and precious Charlotte.

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE FRANCES MADELINE ELSTONE
 All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of FRANCES MADELINE ELSTONE, late, of the Township of Minden, in the county of Haliburton, who died on or about the 13th day of March 2002, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 23rd day of April, 2002.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 25th day of March, 2002. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS

is
Friday
 at 5 p.m.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BISHOP, EMELINE KNEE - In loving memory of our mother, November 6, 1918 - April 2/1952. All who believe in God's mercy and grace Will meet their loved ones face to face Where time is endless and joy unbroken And only the words of God's love are spoken.
 With love **Sarah Joan, Kathryn Ann.**

BRENDA LEA RIPLEY - April 2, 1957 - November 5, 2001. Many thanks to those who contribute to the Brenda Ripley Scholarship Fund at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

BRENDA'S WISH - I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done. With a mother's love, **Gertrude Ripley.**

GRANT, PATRICIA - In memory of our Grandmother, Patricia Grant. Dear God Please find the softest pillow To lay her head upon Place a kiss upon her cheek And tell her whom it's from Put your arms around her In a never ending hug Tell her that we miss her And give her all our love Love, **Bruce, Bryon, Dawn, Bradley and Scott.**

GRANT, PATRICIA - In memory of our mother, Patricia Grant, who died April 6, 2002. In tears we saw you sinking We watched you fade away Our hearts were almost broken You fought so hard to stay But when we saw you sleeping So peacefully free from pain We could not wish you back To suffer that again It's lonely here without you We miss you more each day For life is not the same for us Since you were called away. Love **Lynda, Arthur, Norman, Donald and Heather.**

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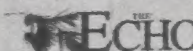
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FOND MEMORIES

If someone you love has died, why not write down your memories of that person's life? Send in a photo, too, and we'll help let everyone in the community know how important that person was to you.

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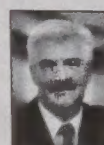
450 IN MEMORIAM

OPEN LETTER TO MY SISTER, BRENDA - It's not the goodbye that hurts. It's the knowing that it's forever. At first, it was wonderful to know your pain was over, but now it is my hurt that never ceases. I often call you but Bart answers the phone and we talk instead, making plans for your birthday and a garden party to nurture your plants ... the way you nurtured each of us all these years. Brenda, it's very humbling to witness your strength in facing the unbeatable. You have changed me, deep in my soul, where I thought my feelings were safe. For that which I love most in you Comes clearer in your absence.
Mary Ellen Ripley.

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Picturesque & tranquil waterfall setting. Turnkey 3 bdrm cottage, fully winterized for 4 season use. Nicely treed. Very private, 2 acre lot. Vendor wants it sold. \$79,500. Call Bill Kulas

**REDSTONE LAKE**

Totally renovated 2 bedroom + loft cottage with a great opportunity to be on a prestigious lake. \$79,900. Call Ken Barry

**MINDEN HOME**

4 bdrm home being renovated. Master bedroom has ensuite, full basement, 2 car insulated & heated garage, nice view of Minden Lake. \$89,900. Call Erwin Roithmeier

**HALIBURTON LAKE**

2 bdrm cottage on a full perimeter wall sitting on a level lot w/ good swimming & sunrise view. All on a two main road. \$99,900. Call Ken Barry

**MAPLE LAKE**

Charming 2 bedroom cottage with a detached garage & studio. Landscaped lot features a pond & brook plus deeded access to Maple Lake. \$104,900. Call Rick Lowes

**PINE AVE, HALIBURTON**

Ideal family home in town of Haliburton. 4 bdrms, master w/ensuite & w/ closet, D/R, L/R & rec rm, main floor laundry, dr, well, septic, private lot. \$109,500. Call Linda Baumgartner & Troy Austen

**MINDEN**

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SPACIOUS 3 BDRM COTTAGE w BUNKIE
Sloping lot, level at cottage & lake. Excellent sand beach, south exposure. Airtight stove, yr rnd private ploughed road. New environmental toilet & tank. Area avail for septic. \$175,000 Call Julie Gray

**HALIBURTON LAKE**

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**PINE LAKE**

Attractive waterfront home w/ cathedral ceiling, skylites, stone FP, pine accents. 7 acres, easy access close to village. Perfect yr rd cottage. \$229,000. Call Julie Gray

**GULL RIVER**

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1800 sq ft waterfront home/cottage. Open concept, hardwood floors, designer kitchen, FP, 3 bdrms, 3 baths, lg deck, w/o basement. 2 car att garage. Level lot, sand beach. \$289,500 Call Bill Kulas

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Close to town, private, 4 bdrm, 4 bath, 4 fireplace, stone & wood. Extensive landscaping, exterior stone, patios & fountains. Ideal bed and breakfast. \$339,000. Call Linda Beachli

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Located in Ingoldsby. Sand beach, western exposure. 3500 sq ft. 5 fireplaces, 1,000 sq ft master. 2nd bdrm w/ ensuite. Located on the 5 lake chain. \$519,000. Call Linda Beachli

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Across from Sir Sam's ski hill, four bdrms, custom built, many, many features. Call listing realtor for more information!
\$1,100,000.
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Level to sloping building lot. Ideal for full walkout basement. 180 ft. frontage on-year round twp. maintained road.

\$11,500

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Nice waterfront lot on Bob Lake. Driveway installed to cleared building site, 132 ft frontage & over 2 acres, facing west for great sunsets, easy to build on.

\$62,000

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On Bob Lake. 4.95 acres, 315' on the water. Sandy beach and south exposure. Lot is level with good building sites available. Within 500 ft of plowed road for possible year round use.

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Nature lover's dream. Own a piece of the Highland's quiet beauty. Environmentally conscious neighbours respect the good life.

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Level waterfront lot with 125 ft of-sand shoreline. nicely treed near lake. year round township road - .51 acres

\$79,900

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Boice Bradley Road-19 Acres, 600 ft private road. West exposure, A rare property. Call for information.

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